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**Observations:**

Containing further  
**DISCOVERIES**

Of the Nature of the  
**HOT WATERS at BATH E;**  
With the  
Contents, Property, and Distinction  
of each Bath, in particular.

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*That the Reader may be acquainted with the occasion, time, and manner of my making these Enquiries (which are not hasty conclusions, but the product of more mature consideration) I shall here premise something concerning that, and also discourse of, as more pertinent in this place, some other matters tending to the enlargement of the Reputation, and usefulness of the Waters.*

*Taking therefore into consideration the performances of some before me, and the attempts of others, in my time, which were not satisfactory, and having the advantages of a more retired nature, and constant residence on the place, with those Conveniencies which some others have not had, I thought it worth my while to employ my leisure hours in some Experiments on*

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*the Waters, which none had done before to any great purpose, the Waters having hitherto been rather admir'd than understood, if so I might give my own Curiosity satisfaction in that affair. And indeed, no vain glorious humour of desiring to be Popular, which I never affected, nor itch to have my Name in print, which hath been already sufficiently done by the kindness of my friends, and therefore needs not any labour of my own again, was the occasion of my entring on this undertaking; but observing the Bath-water was drank by some, and probably like to advance, I could not satisfy my self in advising my Patients to it, unless I had first made a particular search into what it did contain, it seeming as absurd to me to tell my friends that depended on my judgment for their health and preservation, they should drink the Bath-water, which I knew nothing of, as to advise them to the use of such Spirits, Pills, or any other Medicine, I was ignorant of the composition of, or had procured from others.*

*Had I found this done to my hand, I could well have dispensed with the confinement and risque this design hath occasion'd, and spent these hours I have done in my Study, as chearfully elsewhere, but finding little satisfaction in what had been before perform'd, I first made collection out of the best Mineral Authors, such as Fallopius, Agricola, Baccius, and others, what was the best way to obtain a Sediment out of any Water, and then how to know of what that sediment did consist, making application of this Theory to the Waters of this place.*

*Observing then the waies of gaining a Sediment to be chiefly four, Evaporation, Distillation, Precipitation, and Insolation, the last, as too laborious, I thought fit to waive, and resolved on the other three, Evaporating, precipitating, and distilling first small quantities  
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of all the Baths, which gave me encouragement to proceed to greater.

Having obtained a Sediment, which I call the Contents of the Water, the very Notion of which was but lately a stranger here, I trusted not to my single judgment, but made it known to the best Physicians of my acquaintance, with whom I had converse, particularly my ever honoured friend Sr. Edward Greaves, whose encouragement to this design hath not been little, and also addressed my self in writing to the very Ingenious and Eminent Doctor Willis (whose loss all Ingenious Philosophers and Physicians must lament, his many thoughts now dying with him) whose assistance I desired by Letter dated 1. Sept. --73, in these words:

Sir,

THE Acquaintance I had the happiness to have with you formerly in Oxon, and the Civilities you have been pleased to confer on me since, with the readiness you have ever expressed of encouraging all ingenious Inquiries, have emboldened me to give you this Interruption. The desire also I understand you have expressed to Mr. Robert Chapman an Apothecary of this City, of a better account of the Contents of these Waters, which hath hitherto I know not how, been too much neglected, and concerning which I have of late made some Experiments, hath further encouraged me only at present to acquaint you, that about Michaelmas next, God willing, I shall have a conveniency by a friend of mine, your Neighbour, to send you the true Contents of all the Baths apart, which if you please to examine, and honour me so far as to return me your thoughts of the Ingredients, being doubtless a

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Compounded body, I shall with all alacrity and obsequiousness imaginable give you a larger account of my Observations, vvhich I forbear to do till you please to favour me with an Answer, that so I may not preoccupy your more exact enquiry. The thing it self being of so grand import, and so well suiting with your own genius, I may promise my self the greater happiness in your Correspondence, &c. which is all the trouble shall at this time be given by

*Your most humble Servant,*

T. G.

*According to this Letter, I sent the Doctor what I promised, on the 15. of October next ensuing, by my facetious, learned, good friend, Mr. Alexander Dyer, with this Letter, which because it contains the rude draught of what I afterwards took more pains about, and not much different from what I now publish, I shall here insert.*

*Honoured Sir,*

**H**Earing nothing of *Colonel Morgan*, the Person I designed for conveyance of what I formerly promised, I have now met with a convenient opportunity by my vvorthy friend Mr. *Alex. Dyer* to present you with as true an Anatomy of the Baths, as my present inspection will permit: *viz.* The Contents of all the Baths, *Kings, Cross and Hot*, in Iron and Glasse Vessels; the former  $\text{xi}$ . of each, the latter  $\text{xii}$ . or thereabouts; that in Glasse being all that one Gallon of the Water of each Bath did afford; the other in Iron, not the whole quantity, but

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but sufficient, I hope, for your satisfaction, that came from four Gallons, the *Kings Bath* yielding in Iron, on my first Experiment 3xiii; the *Croß* 3xii ss; the *Hot* 3ix. 3ii: but on my second Trial performed in the late wet weather, much less out of the same vessel, and quantity of water, which may suggest something to Enquiry if I find it hold. But usually out of 4 Gallons in a Vessel of mixt Metall, I commonly evaporate it in, I have 3i. out of a gallon of all the Baths alike, so that I judge about 3ii. to be the common proportion out of a gallon the Water will afford.

Now of these 3ii, as I suppose, you will easily discover all is not Salt, but according to my best observation I find a third part only Saline, or 3ii. in 3ii: the residue, which I have sent under the name of *Residuum Sedimenti non Salinum*, will not relent but continues of a gritty nature, and I suppose, consists of two different substances.

The *Ochre* ariseth in a large quantity, where the stream of the Bath meets with any resistance; but what I am not so fully satisfied in for the present is, that though so much continually is breathed out of the water, nothing yellow is discovered in the Contents.

The *Oleum Salis Thermarum per deliquium*, is only that Salt I have sent you by the name of *Sal Thermarum* relented in the air, and cleansed from impurities that will subside, but tinged greenish by a touch of Copper it met with in extracting, when otherwise the true colour is more inclining to Amber.

One thing more also I think fit to advertise you of, that in Glass Vessels there is a thin crust in the outside covering that part that is most Saline, as thin as the thinnest Wafer, but not Salt at all,



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which I have caused to be separated in the Contents of the *Hot Bath*, and put in a distinct glass containing 3i. gr. 10; this more flakey and much less, if at all Saline, being only ℥ii. gr. 14. The *Kings* and *Cross Bath* are alike, mixed here in one glass, only the *Hot Bath* separated for your further satisfaction.

You have also the Sand, Mud, and Scum, in Boxes by themselves, all which I submit to your more exact scrutiny what names to call these by, which is the grand thing in question, and *on which will be built, as I conceive, the truest Hypothesis of the Nature and Vertues of these Waters that hath yet been given, and much different from what hath hitherto been supposed and presumed on.*

I hope to have the honour of a few lines from you, what your thoughts are of the nature of these particulars, vvhich vvill be very acceptable to

Sir,

*Your obliged humble Servant,*

THO. GUIDOTT.

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**I**N an ordinary infusion of any of the Contents in Common Water, you will observe a white gritty substance, which will harden into a stone in the bottom of the glass, one of which I have sent in the Box containing Sedimentum non Salinum; above that a blewish light, and more dirty substance; then the Salt in the Water to which it gives a yellow tincture.

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*The Doctors business being much on other accounts, I cannot understand he did any thing in this, only in a Latin Letter he had occasion to write me not long after, on the account of an Honourable Patient, for whom we then were both concern'd he takes a very kind notice of my Letters, and Experiments, and gives me thanks in this expression, Clarissime Domine, Multum Tibi debeo pro Litteris & Experimentis Tuis circa Aquas Thermales mihi jam pridem missis, quæ officia Tua ut gratissima habeo, ita compensare studebo; but sent me no other satisfaction.*

*A little after, having an opportunity of obtaining the Contents of many Hogsheads of the Water, I wrought them all off, and came to an exact separation and distinction of Particulars, as expressed in the Observations herunto annexed, and as occasion served, communicated my Experiments to my Honoured friends, the Learned and accomplisht Sr. Charles Scarborough, Doctor Thomas Witherley, Dr. Nathaniel Highmore, and Dr. Thomas Harbeck. This I think is sufficient to take off the surmise of Singularity, if any such thing by chance should be thought upon.*

*And here I cannot but admire how a Judicious man should be so far imposed on by any person whatsoever, as to imagine, that a satisfactory enquiry into the nature of these Waters was so nice a speculation, as to be inconvenient or useles [according to these words; I have been desirous heretofore to have attempted some discovery of our Baths, according to those Principles: but being thought (by some) either not convenient, or not useful, I was willing to save my labour, which perhaps might have seemed not to be worth thanks.] For, what can be more necessary, and therefore useful and convenient too, than to know the Principles of any Water we recommend our Patients to? and what did all the Mineral*

*Jord. Nat.  
Bath, c. 17.  
in fn.  
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*Writers that treated of such Waters before him whose authority he uses, but either make such enquiries, or speak by guess? and which of these two is the more useful or convenient, is easily determin'd.*

*Besides, by this means we act as rational Physicians, and free the Baths and Mineral Waters from that aspersion they labour under, of being accounted Empirical Medicines, whereas they are the exact composition of the best Physician, and perform their operations by virtue of the Ingredients they consist of, and the blessing of God Almighty, as all other good Medicines and Prescriptions do.*

*Moreover, this way we can better judge of the reason of the effects, which without this, perplex the understanding with an ignorant admiration, and we prove no better than the ordinary Spectators at a Puppet-play, who admire the motions, but know nothing of the hand within that occasions them.*

*I confess indeed, his thinking his pains might not have deserved thanks, might somewhat discourage him; but a man of Resolution would have considered that things of this kind, subjected to publick view, would fall either into the hands of understanding, generous and unbiased persons; or else ignorant, self-interested, and narrow Souls: the former ever have been, and will be ever ready to give what encouragement ingenuity shall deserve; and for the other, they are not much to be regarded, being best brought to a knowledge of themselves by an understanding of their errors; and as their mouths are no slanders, so their thanks are but slender, if any, commendations. And thanks be to God for it, there have been and now are many worthy, brave, and generous Spirits in this our Nation, who can discern and make distinction 'twixt things that differ, else bad would be the condition of those that have broken through that opposition at  
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which others have boggled, and think it no disparagement to undergo rude Censures from the ruder multitude, in prosecution of a design for publick advantage.

Although the Credit of the Waters hath been preserved by Bathing, and advanced by Drinking, especially these two Summers last past, yet a far greater degree of Reputation may be acquired, by a more particular account of the more remarkable Cures that are annually wrought, principally thereby; which being digested into the nature of a Register, would mightily conduce to the satisfaction of those that seek remedy here in the like distempers. And although I have endeavoured what in me lay to promote so necessary a good work, yet such is the stupidity of some to things of their own advantage, that nothing of this nature hath yet been performed, although recommended by the learned Doctor Jorden, then practising on the place, and often inculcated, though with like in success, by myself: So that to the wonderful honour of those on whom it must reflect, the Waters have been more beholding to the gratitude of Forreigners in registering their own Cases, than to the care and duty of those that are at home. I shall instance in the Case of Sr. Humphrey Lloyd, who having received a hurt in his Hip, by the kick of a horse in Milain, was grievously afflicted with a Sciatica for a twelve months time, and after having made use of much Physick, from several Physicians, to little purpose, in only six daies using these Waters was perfectly recovered. His words are these; *Alia Belgarum urbs, Ptolomeo, Fragi. Aquæ Calidæ; Antonino, Aquæ Solis; Britannis, Defer. Caer Badon; & Anglis, Bathe dicitur, Balneis Aquarum Calidarum saluberrimis clara; Cujus rei ego certissimus testis esse possum. Nam cum ex ictu equi Mediolano, in Italia, excepto, dolore Schiatico duodecim continuis mensibus laborarem, diversisque*

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diversisque Doctissimorum Medicorum auxiliis non convalescerem, his Balneis, cum tantum sex diebus usus essem, sanitati pristinae restitutus sum.

*And that I may mention one fresh in the memory of all, whose gratitude in this kind deserves a remembrance, Mr. John Revet, an aged man, hath very lately publickly testified his cure of an Hemiplegia, in a months bathing, by an Inscription round a very fair Brassing, on the right hand of the Entrance into the Queens Bath out of the Kings, after this manner ; Thanks to God. I John Revet his Majesties Brazier, at 56 years of age, in this present month of July 1674, in this place recovered a cure of health and limbs, of the Dead Palsey, on one side, from head to foot.*

*That this way of Registering of Cures was also thought necessary, and recommended before the time of Dr. Jorden, may appear from the words of Mr. Jones, an honest Cambrobritan (whose authority I am constrained to make often use of in the following discourse, in regard he is the only man that hath treated anything largely of these Waters,) which I recite as they are, being the plain words of an honest meaning man. I wish, saith he, that you leave a Note of the Commodity received, and a knowledge of your condition and calling in the Records of the Mayor of the City, where it shall be registred, until a Physician be appointed, who then shall be joyned with the Mayor, paying to the Poor-man's Box, and 4 pence for Registering your benefit received there. [And in another place ;] Alway provided the day of your coming thither be noted before you enter into the Baths, and the day of your departure, with the Country of your habitation, condition, or calling, with the Infirmities or cause you came for, in the Register book kept of the Warden of the Bath,*  
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Bathes  
Aid, lib. 4.  
fol. 33.

Buxtons  
Benefit,  
fol. 22.

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or the Physician that there shall be appointed, and the benefit you received, paying four pence for the Recording. *This Register may be so contriv'd as that the Patients name, or only letters thereof, as shall be thought expedient, with thir place of residence, distemper, and time of using the Waters, may be exprest in short; a model whereof, in many instances, we have in Jo. Bauhinus de Aquis Bollenfibus, lib. 1. cap. 17.*

And whereas mention is here made of the Poor-man's Box, it gives me a good occasion to remind this Age, of what prudent and charitable disposition the former Age was, in which for the necessary support of the many Poor that came hither for relief, (now sufficiently numerous, and burthensom too) Reparations and Conveniences of the Bath, and other good uses, a Tax, or Pole-bill was made, and willingly consented to by the users of such Waters, by which a certain reasonable rate, or sum, was required of every man or woman of all conditions, from a Duke to a Yeoman, by which all Clamours, now too frequent, were prevented, and all occasions of Exactions taken away, no person paying, or requiring more than what was commonly known to be their due, reserving their Gratuities to dispose of as they please. The money collected to be put into the Treasury of the Bath, and intrusted in the hands of one or two honest and sufficient persons, who should every Michaelmas give up their Accounts, and dispose of good part of the money chiefly to the use of the poor abroad that come with good Certificates, or accounts of their condition, to be approved of by competent Judges in this case, and other necessary, good, and charitable uses, as shall be thought requisite; provided the Baths, Pumps, or any of their appurtenances be supply'd, and kept in good order and repair. And this was never intended in any violent or compulsory way, but only as a fair proposal

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posal to the better disposed persons, who by their good example, and readiness to comply in this particular, may have an efficacious influence on the more captious and excepting, to beget in them a better understanding of this charitable, and orderly design.

Neither can this Tax in reason be imagin'd to be prejudicial to the Waters, as some others are reported to have been; on the imposition of which the Waters are said to have lost their virtue: for however the truth of such stories may be admitted, which are deliver'd by credible Authors, and I cannot contradict, yet certain it is, that if any such thing ever happen'd, it was either on the restraint of a publick resort, by denying Poor people the use of the Waters, or else by an Impost collected by the Officers of the Prince to his private advantage; whereas this is only to prevent exactions, and moral abuses, between man and man, and the Poor rather hence to be relieved than exacted of, with a probability of a much greater resort that will be procured by a reasonable demand, and good order withal.

The overplus of this Collection, if rightly manag'd, and the years prove lucky, may in a short time, make a purse for the covering one or two of the Baths also, whereby the Waters would be rendred useful all the year, which by reason of the coldness of the ambient Air, and fear of injury thereby, and no other, are thought not so fit to be used in the Winter season, the Waters then being as effectual as in Summer.

And this would be agreeable to the use and custom of most of the Baths in Europe which are cover'd, and thought by the best Physicians to be a means of keeping the Waters to an even Temper, being an equal defence against the wind and cold of the Winter, and the troublesom heat of the Sun in Summer; so that nothing external causing alteration supervening, the  
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*benefit of the Waters may be safely received from the first of January, to the last of December, which would be much for the relief of those infirm persons that require a longer stay than ordinary here, and by their so long absence from the Bath, do but weave Penelope's web, undoing in the Winter, what is done in Summer; whereas if they did in this manner, as we say, follow their blows, they probably would not only prevent a relapse, but set themselves in a way of perfect recovery with one resolution, without many comings at several seasons, being many times not so well at their second coming, as they went away on their first season of bathing.*

For this use I think the *Queens Bath* most convenient, both in regard it is but small, and also more especially for the conveniences of the Slips, and Houses about it, where it is almost no more than out of Bath, into Bed; and if well cover'd, and care taken in rising, may be as well as if a man made use of a Bath in his own house or Chamber where he lies. After which the *Cross Bath* may follow, if it be thought fit, the *Kings*, and *Hot*, being kept open still.

But against this I foresee two Objections will be made. First, That it will be inconvenient in the Summer time to sit so close, if no offence doth arise from the steam. And, Secondly, That it will be injurious to the Lights about the Bath.

To the first, I answer generally; That those persons that desire good, will think nothing an inconvenience that is in order to it, and those that come for pleasure may be somewhere else; yet that it may appear to be made out some other way, I suppose the increase of Heat, which sometimes that Bath wants, procured by keeping the Air out, and the steam in great measure in, (which yet will not be more than  
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will well be endured) will make a sufficient recompence for this supposed molestation. And as for the Steam, a vent hole, or Tunnel at the top, will so discharge, that it may not be offensive or troublesome at all.

As to the Lights, the Cross Bath will certainly inconvenience none, and the Queens may be so contriv'd, if made flat, as to do the same but if built more erect for gaining room below, there will be but a very little blind, or perhaps none at all, to the lower Windows on the Hart lodging side, which house, by reason of the accommodation of the Slip thereunto belonging, being, in all probability, likely to partake most of the profit, may contribute a little in this kind. But to avoid all exception, the Cover may be so made with shutters on a Timber frame, that it may be easily taken off if there be occasion, and as soon closed up again, if necessity shall require.

One thing more I shall only add, which as a means to establish greater order and content, with submission to more political judgments, I here propose, That I conceive that the persons having dependance more immediately on the Bath, may be better paid by Salaries, than the Nunquam-satis-arbitrary way now on foot; That their number may be lessen'd, being by that reason, and (the consequent thereof) their necessity, only such as repine at now, and prey one upon another; and that two Serjeants, four able men to manage the Pumps, and cleanse the Baths, four Women to introduce and place the Females; with twelve Chair-men, may be sufficient. The Salaries to be paid them by the Officer in chief, collected by the Serjeant, and raised by a moderate demand by the Pote from the Users of the Waters, according to their conditions, quality, and time of stay at the Bath, expressed in a Table for that purpose mentioned before; and if any other



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*other clamorous demands, uncivil deportment, neglect, or want of duty, should at any time happen in those Servants, upon complaint made, to be animadverted on, suspended, or discharged by the Authority under which they are. These things some may make light of, but the Prudent will consider.*

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Having formerly, in the year 1668, annexed a brief discourse of *Bathe* to one of Doctor *Jorden's* of Natural Bathes and Mineral Waters, under the name of an *Appendix concerning Bathe*, by which and some other pains I had taken about the Treatise it self, I thought I had obliged (as was the opinion of most) not only the Relations of the deceased Author, but all his Friends and Well-wishers; but meeting, contrary to all expectation, with rude and unhandfom returns from an Impudent person, to  
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whose Temper the modest Doctour was a great stranger, and of whose behaviour he would be much asham'd, were he now alive; who on his pretended relation hath repaid me with ill language, and foolishly threatned me with Trouble for my good will. Now to put an end to all disputes of this kind, I have thought fit to appeal to any understanding person, that hath his senses exercised, and his wits about him, (for all have not, and some have none at all) whether my Additions have been any impair to the Doctour's Reputation, whom I have treated with all the Civility imaginable; and for the Sale of the Book (a good argument of its acceptance) I believe there were not more sold in the Doctour's life time, of what he printed himself, than went off the first year of my Impression. But to silence all Cavils and silly Objections of this nature, I have discharged that Author, and published in this discourse my own thoughts and Observations, and how much different they are from his, or agreeable to Truth, may best be determin'd by the ingenious Reader.

I did intend indeed, according to my Promise in the end of my Preface to the Edition of *Dr. Jorden*, to have amplified that small discourse into an *History of Bathe*; but finding no encouragement since to that design, and many things that have made me alter my resolution, my intentions are to wave that, and apply my self, in some convenient time, to the *Roman Court*, where I shall have a fairer Trial, and more Justice done me. In the mean time, I hope this may in some measure stop the gap, and release me of my obligation to the Candid world; especially considering that the Antiquities of the Baths and City can hardly, I think, be improved higher, and the Mystery of the Sacred Waters of *Minerva*, is not  
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to be profan'd, which it wants little of if idly prostituted to vulgar Capacities ; which, besides that they are incompetent Judges in other matters , are apt to put a sinister interpretation on those very things, that really are , and were so intended for their own advantage ; neither had I published the Observations I now do in this language, had it not been on a more particular account.

The ill Usages and great Indignities I have already met withal, from an ungrateful people, in the prosecution of my design of making further Enquiries into the Nature of those Waters , are not here to be mentioned ; they are sufficiently known to be products of Envy and Malice, and as I have hitherto contemned what pitiful opposition could be made against me by the united strength of Envy, Pride, Beggery and Revenge ; so I shall not surcease my Thoughts in due time of performing that which will be better esteem'd by more Judicious persons , and render me and my design most acceptable when best understood. It was a fit return of a grave Divine to a vainglorious opposer of his good Inclinations, *Nec propter Te capi, nec propter Te desinam. Thou, Satan, said he, hast nothing to do with my Concerns , for thou art at neither end of my design ; and as I did not begin to do thee a kindness, so I will continue notwithstanding thy rage.* Such unclean Spirits have no more to do with publick affairs , than to interrupt the quiet of better than themselves ; and are like a troublesom Curr on the Road, that doth little else, with a besom tail and a whiffing bark, than make a man well mounted look back, his horse kick, and so returns.

It hath ever been the fate of New Discoveries to meet with Course entertainment at their first appearance ; and whereas men are usually courteous



and civilly demean'd to strange Persons, they treat strange Opinions and new Inventions at another rate. 'Tis the only Policy accounted to keep a balance among men, and if any one by a more than ordinary industry and God's blessing on it, hath made at any time a conquest in the Intellectual world, whereby 'tis thought he may get the start of his Neighbours, a rotten *Cabal* shall make head against him, and perhaps, use him with as much severity as a forceable Intruder on another's right; whereas the Secrets of Nature are free to all, and the Victor here enters not by Blood, and Rapine, and Tyrannical oppression, but in a way both innocent in it self, and advantageous to others.

When I reflect on the hard measure the Renowned Dr. *Harvey* met withal from the pride and peevishness of some conceited Brethren (who esteem nothing Currant but what bears their image and superscription, if not minted in their own brain) on his first demonstration of the Circulation to the World, I cannot but conclude, if I had no other instance for it, That neither Ingenuity, Learning, Modesty, nor any thing that is good and truly valuable can give protection from, though a sufficient antidote against, the poyson of Envy; Envy, that spreading Ring-worm, that *Ubiquitarian* infection, that Canker of what is sound, and Rust of what is bright! to be found almost in all places, in Town and in Country, in the Shop and in the Street, in the Tavern and in the Ale-house; it hovers over all, and pitches where it can, till at last, if it hurt not others, it preys upon it self:

*Thou wicked Fiend! that ne'r didst good,  
But hast perversly it withstood,  
And ever will, till Time shall be  
No more, or We  
Be rid of Thee.*

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But to pass by things of this nature with that of the unconcerned *Græcian* to as abusive persons, "Εξείσι κλαζομένοις ἀγγυμονεῖν; or that of *Tacitus*, *Convivia spreta exolescunt*, the best answer being nothing at all; I shall rather chuse to acquaint the Reader, That whereas I conceive, when I writ my Letter of Observations, that *Bitumen* and *Sulphur* were not primarily concern'd in the Body of the Waters, and therefore no way observable in the Contents; by fresher Experiments and Observations of a later date, I am inclin'd to believe, that *Sulphur* is one ingredient in the Contents of the Waters, though not proportionable in quantity to the Salts, and lost in the bringing them to a better colour. For if two or three ounces of the Contents, which at first much resemble the courser sort of Sugar, be put into a Crucible in order to fusion, when the Crucible is red, and before the Salt doth run, there is the perfect colour and smell of Brimstone, insomuch that it may be sensibly discerned in any part of the room, and as the Salt draws nearer the state of Fusion, the Sulphur wafts and is diminished; so that as dross or Recrement it burns off in Calcination, and is no way concerned in the refined Salt, though one Ingredient in the Waters, and contained in their body.

I shall further add, that I made a *Lixivium* of the Salt calcin'd before fusion, when probably the Sulphurous parts, or so reputed, were not all consum'd, and observ'd so great a *fator* in the *Lixivium* representing Sulphur so effectually to my smell, that it presently obtain'd the Testimony (if that be any thing) of that sense.



## CHAP. II.

*The Opinion of a late Author concerning the Nature of the Baths of Bathe.*

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AND here I cannot but take notice of a Novel Writer, who Magisterially thus determines: *Quod ad Nitrum & Sulphur attinet, quibus Thermas Bathonienses imbutas esse hæcenus creditum est, eorum neutrum Aquis Thermarum istarum solutum esse arbitrator: As to what concerns Nitre and Sulphur, with which the Baths of Bathe have hitherto been thought to be impregnated, I suppose there is nothing of either of them dissolved in the Waters.*

A bold assertion! which had it been vented and believed but 50 years ago, would have prevented much trouble in evincing the contrary; but, since 'tis in fashion to be peremptory, I do assert, *That both Nitre and Sulphur are to be found in all the Baths of Bathe, and that dissolved in, and mixed with, the Body of the Waters.* In order to the Proof of which, I shall take some account of the forementioned Author's 15th. Chapter of his Tract of Sal-Nitre, the arguments he hath against it, and his opinion to the contrary.

His words therefore, as well as I can translate them, are these:

"Among the most celebrated Baths, we may justly reckon those of Bathe, in which admirable Waters, a continual Vestal and sacred Fire is maintain'd, as if things of a most different nature were interleagu'd. Before I come to the manner how these Baths receive their Heat, it will not be improper if I make some enquiry into the Contents of these Waters. "It

" It is therefore manifest, that the Bathes of *Bathe*  
 " are impregnated with a certain Salt of an acid na-  
 " ture, for if any Sal alkali, or volatil Salt purely  
 " salin'd, be mixed with these Waters, a precipita-  
 " tion will ensue, and the Waters will become tur-  
 " bid, and of a milky nature.

" Moreover, The *Bathe*-water powred on boyl-  
 " ing Milk, will coagulate it, as any other acid  
 " doth.

" Neither doth this acid Salt seem to be the only  
 " Salt of the *Bathe*, but is complicated with an Al-  
 " kali; for if the Water be evaporated quite away,  
 " a certain Salt of a more fixt nature will be found  
 " in the bottom of the vessel, which, on the powr-  
 " ing of any acid on it, will ferment.

" Of the same nature also are the Mud and Sand  
 " of the *Bathe*, which are wrought up with the  
 " Springs; for any acid liquor being powred on  
 " them, an Ebullition will follow.

" There may be also observed in these Waters a  
 " Salt, or rather a Lime-Chalk kind of Earth,  
 " sticking to the bottom of the Gouts, or passages,  
 " almost in all places where the Water passeth.

" From what hath been said may be collected;  
 " That the Bathes of *Bathe* are impregnated with a  
 " certain acid saline Salt, and the Salt of the *Bathe*  
 " seems not much unlike Tartar vitriolated, or  
 " Aluminous Salt.

" The Reason why these Salts destroy not one  
 " another, but each of them ferments with its con-  
 " trary Salt; may be understood from what hath  
 " been delivered in the former Chapter: To wit;  
 " These Salts are so imperfect, that in Conjunction  
 " they cannot destroy one another. But more of  
 " these Salts, hereafter.

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" That there is no Nitre in the Waters appears by this, That the Salts that remain after the Evaporation of the Bathe-water, put on a Coal, burn not, as Nitre doth. Although I shall not deny, that those immature Salts of an Alkali nature, (which are also contained in the Sand, and \* Mud of the Bathe ) being expos'd sometime to the air, may, perhaps, by its influence be converted into Nitre.

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" If a Solution of Alom, Vitriol, or any other Salt, whether acid, or fixt, be mixed with the Water of the Bathe, Sulphur discovers not it self to be precipitated, either by a fetid smell, or any other sign ; which notwithstanding in the Solution of Sulphur in the water of unslak't Lime, or made into a Lixivium, doth appear, where the Sulphur by the affusion of any acid Liquor is precipitated.

" I am not ignorant that the Water of these Bathes, if Salt of Tartar, or a purely volatile Salt, be cast into it, will presently turn white, as is declared before ; which colour proceeds not from Sulphur, but a stony, or Aluminous matter precipitated, not much unlike to what is observed in the Water of unslak't Lime, when any fixt Salt is mixed therewith ; in which notwithstanding it is not to be supposed the Sulphur is dissolved ; for if Sulphur be boyled in Water of unslak't Lime, the Water becomes white, not by the affusion of a fixt Salt, as before, but of an acid ;

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“ The mistake may seem to arise from this, That  
 “ ’tis customary with the Bathe-Guids to tinge,  
 “ and as it were guild over pieces of Silver with a  
 “ Salino-Sulphurous Mud, or Dung, such as is  
 “ often found in houses of Office, and put them off  
 “ to Strangers, for a little profit, as if they were  
 “ coloured with the Bathe-water.

“ And here this is to be noted, That a kind of  
 “ Bituminous Mud, with a small pittance of Com-  
 “ mon Sulphur, is brought up with the Springs,  
 “ which only swims on the top, or else continues at  
 “ the bottom, but never is dissolved in the Waters  
 “ themselves.

“ Neither is Sal Armoniack, as some imagine,  
 “ to be found in these Waters ; for if on the So-  
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 “ Sal Armoniack in part doth consist ) being at li-  
 “ berty from the acid Salt, to which it was former-  
 “ ly united, will presently fly off into the air, and  
 “ will quickly be discover’d by a pungent affecting  
 “ the nostrils, which is never observ’d in the Bathe-  
 “ waters.

“ Lastly ; As to Vitriol, the Crosse and Hot  
 “ Bathe seem to have none at all ; for if Galls are  
 “ beaten, and infused in these Waters, they nei-  
 “ ther turn purple nor black ; which would cer-  
 “ tainly be, if these Waters had Vitriol in them.

“ The King’s Bathe seems to have a little Vitriol  
 “ in it ; for if some beaten Galls are cast into that  
 “ Water, it will have a light tincture of a black  
 “ purple colour.

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“ ’Tis also to be noted, That a certain\* Mineral  
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 “ the Springs, is found in the bottom of the Bathe )  
 “ it being corroded with an acid Menstruum, not  
 “ without a remarkable effervescence, will in part  
 “ be converted into Vitriol, just as it happens to the  
 “ filings of Iron corroded with an acid liquor.

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 “ an acid liquor, be put into the Infusion of Galls,  
 “ the liquor acquires an atropurpleous colour.  
 “ Whereas if the Infusion of Galls be put on the  
 “ Sand newly taken out of the Bathe, and not corroded  
 “ with an acid liquor, it will, by no means,  
 “ be of a purple colour ; an apparent sign, that  
 “ the Metallick Sand of the Bathe, unless corroded  
 “ with an acid Menstruum, doth not turn to  
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“ It is further observable ; That the Sand of the  
 “ Bathe kept some time, and exposed to the open  
 “ air, will of its own accord, be converted into  
 “ Vitriol ; for if that Sand be mixed with the Infusion  
 “ of Galls, the Water will contract an atropurpleous  
 “ appearance.

“ Moreover, If it be laid on the Tongue, it  
 “ hath a perfect Vitriolick taste ; and no wonder,  
 “ for the Nitro-æreous Spirit, after some time,  
 “ closeth with the Metallick Mineral, and Salino-  
 “ Sulphureous Marchasite, of which Vitriol useth  
 “ to be made, mixed in the Sand, and causeth it to  
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HOW far this Author hath ploughed with my Heifer, I leave to the consideration of those that have been any way acquainted with my design; and shall only here take notice, what Observations are agreeable with, or different from those I have often made with the greatest exactness, and repeated Trials, submitting all to the unbiaſt judgment of Indifferent persons.

And first of all, I concur with him, that the Baths of *Bathe* are in part impregnated with a certain Salt of an Acid nature; but why this acid Salt should be called *Aluminous*, I am not yet so fully resolv'd, as much on other accounts, so somewhat on this, That although an acid Spirit be in *Alom*, yet the most perceptible taste is either *acerve* or *austere*; which being not observed in these Waters, I have so much reason to judge *Alom* not predominant, as asserted here.

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That this is *Freestone* appears by this, that 'tis insipid, gritty, scowrs, leaves a white colour like Chalk on the fingers after it, and is inclinable to an union into a stony consistence.

That this is not *Calx vive*, or any *lapis Calcarinus* that holds affinity with it, I am much induced to believe from this, That neither the Insipid magistery, nor the more gritty powder, being nothing different but in fineness and colour, will, either alone or together, open the body of Sulphur, which is usual with *Calx vive*, as I have fully experimented by decocting two parts of the powders with one of Sulphur in a proportionable quantity of Water, which gave the water very little alteration, and as little was precipitated. To make it further evident, I calcin'd a large Crucible of it with as strong a fire as could well be given, yet nothing quick or limy did appear, but dead and gritty ashes, which, mixed with water, neither made it white, nor created any disturbance. But more of this in what will follow. See Obs. 83

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For I am apt to believe, that great part of the acidity is breath'd off in evaporation, either in the Bath or over the fire, or both ways together, in regard very little of that taste is perceptible in the Salt extracted, but the Saline is easily discover'd. To the confirmation of which the acting also of acids on it may somewhat conduce, and the experience of many this Summer, who according to my directions have dissolved the Salt in the Bath-water to improve it, and have sensibly found an increase in the other taste, but little or nothing at all in acidity.

Neither doth the *Lixivium*, though made very strong, nor the *Oleum per deliquium* dropt 20, 30, or 40 drops into a small proportion of water, tinge with Galls either purple or black.

I may also urge as an Argument for the evaporation of *Vitriol*, the abundance of a yellow *Ochre* which ascends with the steam of the Bath, and is there chiefly to be found where the steam of the Water meets with any resistance, as I have noted elsewhere, which probably may be the *Terra Vi-*  
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*trioli* : And although 'tis not very easie to give the reason, why the *Vitriol* should not be as visible as the *Ochre*, or else make it more acid than we find it to be; yet if we conceive it to be in *succo primitivo, aut Solutis principiis*, and there *per halitum*, and so *per transitum* too, it may better be conceived to go off, and not imbody as the other Salts do. Yet that all the Acidity is not breathed of, will appear from this, That the Bath-water cold will coagulate Milk. And what is more, the same water distill'd from a gallon to a pint, a fourth part of that pint will make a curd, when the distill'd water in the Receiver will do nothing at all: Which may probably proceed either from something *Vitrioline*, or rather from the acidity of Sulphur, in regard the Salt made white, in which is nothing wanting but the Sulphur, will not coagulate, as the water doth; whereas the browner Salt before calcination, dissolved in Spring-water, will. So then, this *Alkali* is but one part of the fixt Salt, found in the bottom of the Vessel after evaporation *ad siccitatem*.

For a further confirmation that an *Alkali* is contained in the waters, which, considering the Quantity that may continually be made evident both to sight and taste, will scarcely be judged to need other demonstration. Yet 'tis observable, that the Cross-Bath having lately been kept drawn four or five daies, the Saline matter not meeting with water sufficient for its dissolution, was driven up in substance from the Springs, and again reverberated by the ambient air, and incrustated on the tops of the stones that were above the water in the bottom of the Bath, which gave me some divertisement to behold, and, on examination, appeared much *alkalizzate* both by taste and ignition; some pungency

gency also I observ'd in it, which I rather judg'd to proceed from the acrimony of *Nitre* than *Tartar*, but the predominant taste was clearly *alkalisate*, which after the Nitrous parts were wasted, was less exceptionable in the remaining calx on the Iron after burning, in which the Alkalifate taste was most remarkable; not to mention its crepitation, and that some pungency also is observed in an *Alkali* it self.

To make it further evident that this accretion did probably arise from the *Minera*, I believe, not far distant, and was not engendred or contracted from some floating particles in the air derived elsewhere, and there settling by way of Magnetism, as some may imagine; 'tis further remarkable, That neither the stones under water, nor, what is more material, any stone either of the Seats, or in the sides of the bottom of the Bath, remote from the water, had any Salt affixed to them, but only those, as I may so term it, that peeped out of the water, the tops of which only, as I said before, were incrustated. So that had a Magnetism any place here, the Salino-Nitrous particles must, I conceive, have lighted as well on the stones of the same nature hard by, as where they were, the reason of the thing being much the same. For a fuller Testimony of this, See *Obs.* 88.

I acknowledge also this, That a great Fermentation is produc'd by the affusion of Acids on the Sand and Mud of the Bath, (but do not tell you who first observ'd it) and a much less on the Scum; yet I must be excus'd in this, if I say, That I cannot conceive how this should arise from the action of Acids on a Saline matter, in regard it transcends my understanding to apprehend, how any Salt can possibly lie at the bottom of the Bath,  
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either in the Sand or Mud, undissolved, and the waters no higher impregnated than we find they are.

'Tis a trivial Observation, that what is dissolvable in any liquor, the pores of it will receive till it can hold no more; neither can I be yet perswaded, that there are just so many porosities in the Bath-water assigned for *Vitriol*, and the rest taken up with other Bodies, seeing the dissolution of *Vitriol* in the Bath-water afterwards, and the alteration in taste that happens thereupon, is sufficient to give me satisfaction to the contrary.

But to speak a little more to this, because the Author insists so much upon it; If any *Vitriol* be contained in the Sand, 'tis no absurdity to conceive that warm water may dissolve it and fetch it out; now, if half a pint of warm water be poured on an ounce of Sand, with what agitation you shall think convenient, and thus let stand infused ten or twelve hours, the water then decanted, and the sand dried and weighed again, there will be little wanting in the weight, abating for the *Ochre*, which ariseth first to the top, through the body of the water, much like white *Vitriol*, afterwards precipitates and settles at the bottom on the Sand, and is hardly preserved in the decantation.

The Ebullition therefore, on the affusion of acid liquors on the Sand, I conceive doth arise from somewhat not Saline (if Taste be the judge) of which I shall treat more at large by and by: So that the Sand and Salt are no further of the same nature, than as fermentation may arise upon different Commixtures. How this may be reconcil'd to the Experiment I sometime made, of making Ink with Bath-water and Galls, and the Sand of the Bath, with other things which might have been

no small encouragement to this opinion, I shall have occasion in part to declare hereafter, but more when I find my Answer is required.

As to the Salt, or rather, to use the new-made word, *Calceineous* kind of Earth, sticking to the bottom of the Gouts and passages, almost in all places where the water passeth, I was never yet so happy, though I have searched particularly to find any such thing. I confess I have heard it spoken, that five years ago, or thereabouts, there was a Gout out of order at the Cross-Bath, in the rectifying of which there was observed some such matter adhering to the Passage; but this, I suppose, was as much above the Civilian's knowledge, as the Physicians, and whether a bare Tradition with some other uncertainties, to say no worse, be a sufficient foundation for this Hypothesis; *That the Salt of the Bath doth much resemble a Vitriolated Tartar, or Aluminous Salt*, I shall leave those to determine that know the meaning of this approved Sentence, *Nullum simile est idem*. And seeing that the Author chooses to call this adherent matter by the name of a *Chalky kind of substance* rather than a *Salt*, I think I may not be much mistaken if I imagine it to be *Freestone*; concerning which I can say no more, till I shall happily meet with the like accretion.

That the Fermentation on the affusion of Acids on the Sand, ariseth chiefly from the acting of that liquor on *Freestone* in conjunction with some Testaceous particles, and not from any other Saline matter, seems evident from this; That whereas these parts with a blew Clay or Marle, Rubrica, Ochre, and Chrystal-pebbles, are clearly distinguishable by a Magnifying-glass in the Sand, when the acid liquor hath done its worst, and the difference



ference between the Sand and it, is amicably compos'd, the remaining particles of Sand that will not ferment, are only some part of the Marle and Chrystals; And this I call *Arena castrata*, because, by this means, the Sand loses its fermenting vigour, though the stones do remain.

And whereas the Mud of the Bath, which seems chiefly to consist of this blew Clay or Marle, with something Sulphurous, will do the like; the Fermentation I conceive doth arise not so much, though something I confess, from the Earth it self, as the Testaceous particles with which it abounds, in which Earth nothing Saline can be discovered to which the ebullition may make any pretence.

To this may be added; That the colour of the Acid liquor, after Saturation by the Sand, is altogether the same with what riseth from the *Freestone*, both equally resembling the infusion of the filings of Steel; so that in this also there is an agreement.

## C H A P. IV.

*Of Nitre in the Bath-Water.*

**T**hat *Nitre* is contained in the Body of the Waters is evident from this, that it may, by art, be extracted thence; and I may as well suspect, and, if I please, believe, that I had not money in my pocket, when I took out some silver for a necessary use; as when I see *Nitre* taken out of the Bath, say it was never there.

But the difficulty will be to prove the thing; now, I say, a *Sceptick* may doubt whether a Man be a Man, a Brute a Brute, or whether he makes use of his voice that asks the Question; but whether he be not the wiser man that takes these for granted, and not pragmatically contradicts the unanimous consent of Judicious Writers, is easie to determine.

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I confess it burns not as Common *Salt-Peter* doth, because it leaves a Calx behind it; but in that more resembles the *Nitre* of the Ancients, a pound of which being burnt will leave four ounces of Ashes: *Salt-Peter* will leave none.

Neither doth it huff, nor melt altogether in a small quantity as *Salt-Peter* doth, on the account of an allay it receives from the mixture of another Salt of an *Alkalifate* taste with some bitterness withal, which remains on the Iron-plate after accention, and is little more than a fourth part of the Body; wherefore to deny the being of *Nitre* in the Salt, because 'tis not all so, is as absurd, to make a Linsley-woolsey Comparison, as to affirm, there is no Woollen in that sort of Vesture where

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Linnen is ; or to say, That a man that is both Lawyer and Physician, hath nothing of Phytick, because he hath something of Law.

But that *Nitre* is there, though not predominant, seems clear by the shooting in *stiria's*, which is concluded to be the proper form of that Salt ; and although *Tartar*, and perhaps some other Salts, may somewhat resemble it ; yet the difference is easily perceptible by the sight, but more by the taste.

And now I am discoursing of this matter, I conceive the Author did not hit the mark, because he did not make the Bath-water shoot, in that he only mentions, *the Salts that remain after evaporation*, which, he says, *put on a Coal, burn not as Nitre doth*. But the shootings so called, in a figure somewhat pyramidal, with many *Columelle*, or small pillars closely united, put on a red-hot Iron-plate, and so burnt, may alter the case, which I affirm to do, as I mention'd before.

And, what is not a little considerable, on the burning of six ounces of the Chrystals, in order to the Examination of the remaining Calx, the Nitrous parts of the shoots, being many in number, in a short time melted, and ran down both sides of the Iron-plate in a stream, consonant to *Pliny's* observation of *Nitre*, which he affirms *ingentibus rivulis profluxisse*. (Q)

To which I may add the bitter Taste apparently discoverable in the Salt, insomuch as to bring it within the verge of a suspicious appearance of a *Sal amarum* (if any such Salt there be distinct from *Nitre*) which bitterness hath been accounted proper to *Nitre*, and the waters impregnated therewith, of which the Laborious *Ballius* gives this Testimony ; *Differunt etiam Nitrosa Aquæ à Salfis*, *De Therm.* l. 5. c. 5.

*quòd amarorem Nitrosæ sapiunt potius quam Salsuginem, & quo magis syncerum habent Nitrum eo sunt amariores.* So that the bitter Calx mentioned before, seems, if any, to be the true Calx of Nitre, and no small argument of its sincerity, although this taste be not perceptible in the water, in regard the Nitre is much diluted, and though sufficient for the purpose, not in so great a proportion there.

Also for a further satisfaction, if any Aluminous parts were contained in the Chrystal shoots, I observ'd, That the six ounces mentioned before, after they had hufft, melted and ran upon the Iron-plate, were in little more than one minute reduced to somewhat less than two ounces of a dead white Calx; which being again dissolved, filtred and evaporated, gave me a plain *Alkali* with some remaining bitterness, which on the affusion of any acid would ferment, and being put to undergo the *fire-ordeal* Trial, would neither melt nor boyl, but crackle and leap.

To make a further Trial, whether what was bitter and suspiciously Nitrous might be separated from the *Alkali*; I dissolved and filtred the same Salt again, and evaporating it *ad Cuticulam*, it shot partly into a white hoary down, penetrating cooling, and bitter, distinct from the *Alkali* with which before it was mixt, and partly into an insiffated juyce, which I judge to be the *succus primitivus* of Nitre, with the same qualities; both which put on the Plate did huff and melt as the former, leaving a small bitter Calx behind it, which, I believe, by frequent dissolutions, evaporations, and coagulations, would huff and melt all off, to the utter consumption of its whole body that way, I mean as far as Nitrous, the *Alkali* shewing  
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And here I would not be mistaken, as if I pretended to that grand *Arcanum*, the discovery of the Nitre of the Ancients, for I am well assured, that the description of that is very much different from what I am now discoursing of, being acknowledged by *Pliny*, *Dioscorides*, and others, to be of a rose colour, and almost purple, which they used sometimes to dye that colour with ( though some white there was also) and came nearer to the nature of ordinary Salt, whereupon *Dioscorides* in his 85th. Chapter hath these words, *Nitre, and the froth of Nitre ( or Aphronitrum ) have the same virtues as Salt, and are burn't like that*; yet because some measures may be taken from that, for the better understanding of what is now under the test, I thought fit in that regard at present, only to make this bare mention of it.

Neither can the contrary, I think, be evinced from the effects; for cooling, penetrating, and purging, are attributed to Nitre, and confessedly in the waters, the two former evident in allaying thirst, abating inflammations, and quickness of passage: the latter, as plain in its operation, for Nitre as well as Salt, is said both *alvum laxare*, and *urinas ciere*, and *Baccius* treating of nitrous waters, affirms, that they do *vacuare, virtute Nitri, per alvum, & per urinas*. The like may be said of the external effects by Bathing, which can no way prejudice the being of Nitre there.

Besides, This way of arguing from the effects is but *a posteriori*, and less significant where there is matter of fact, which may be useful in the dark; but if it thwart with a plain experiment, must yield; for, *Quid verba audiam, cum videam facta*? And



whoever shall undertake a business of this nature may consider, that the best judgment to be made of the effects, is from a constant observation of particulars on the place, which cannot be conceived to be so well done at a distance, but must require, besides some time, a good attendance, as well as practice here. But to return.

These *Stiria*, or Needles, I observed in the water of all the Baths, yet in a different shape and consistence; for the King's Bath-water after a full imbibition of the Salt dissolved, and a strong Lixivium thence procured, evaporated *ad Cuticulam*, and set in a cool place, shot from the inside of the evaporating Glass into its Cavity, into strong, and compacted Needles, with that strength, that it took some of the Common Salt with it, which appeared in the Nitrous shoots, something like the stars in a clear sky, but white, and in a Cubical form, in perfect squares, or Tesseræ's distinct from the body of the Nitrous shoots, with which the Nitre was studded, being impacted into it.

The Cross Bath shot in smaller Needles, but longer and very thin, in great number, directly from the bottom of the glass, very close together, but distinct each from other, much like the Finnow, or hairy excrescence, that oftentimes ariseth from corrupted matter, which on the least violence offer'd would break, and not endure any kind of resistance.

The Hot Bath gave me more trouble to bring it to shoot, insomuch as being frustrated in two or three Experiments, I had almost concluded there was nothing Nitrous there, but the thing afterwards succeeding, I had on a small quantity of the Salt dissolved, and the Lixivium evaporated according to Art, five, or six single *Stiria*'s, bigger,  
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and stronger, though not so long, as those I observed in the water of the Cross Bath, which gave me satisfaction as to that Bath also, in the particular thing of Nitre now under debate. Since which time on another Experiment, I had as firm and compacted Needles from the Hot Bath, as I had formerly from the King's, both which Baths shoot much alike, and different from the Cross.

I shall not lay any great stress on these observations, in relation to the difference between the three Baths mentioned before, in regard it must be a business of greater experience, and more exact observation of many Circumstances, to state that affair as it ought to be, and is, in good part done in the Miscellaneous Observations hereunto annex'd; only this use I may safely make of them, to confirm what I had before asserted, That there is Nitre dissolved in the Water of all the Baths of *Bathe*. And if this be not the thing that hath hitherto been described under that name, by the most approved Writers, I presume we may afterwards take it for a Chimerical notion, that hath no foundation in any work of Nature, but owes its subsistence to a phantastical brain.

To this may be further added; That the *Liquamen*, or *oleum per deliquium*, being closely stoppt, and but heated by the fire, presently, as soon as cold, concretes into a Nitrous form; so that we need not call in the secret, and invisible assistance of the external air, to make a Metamorphosis almost as strange as those mentioned by the Poet, when we have clear, and unalterable principles of Nature, and innate propensities, and disposition in matter it self, with a divine impression, that will serve the turn.

In the rear of these Philosophical Arguments, I shall offer one ( supernumerary ) Grammatical, which is this ; That the Salt I call Nitrous, either in the Sun, or by Candle-light, shines and sparkles very much, consonant to the Notation of the word *Nitrum*, which probably, may not be so much a Grecian, as the great Etymologist would have it, and derived *πᾶσι τοῖς νίτρον* from its scouring, and absterging nature ; as a Latinist, and so called à *Nitendo* ; because it gives a greater lustre than any other Salt doth.

## CHAP. V.

*Of Sulphur in the Bath-water.*

AS to Sulphur, the next thing to be insisted on, as contained in the Waters, I conceive that many that have endeavoured to avoid *Charybdis*, have fallen into *Scylla*, and because the ancient Authors have asserted that Sulphur was undoubtedly concern'd in all Baths, they will affirm there is none in any ; but whoever builds a fabrick on this foundation, and certainly concludes, that Sulphur is not in the Bath-waters, because it cannot be discover'd by precipitation, I would have forbear a positive determination on a negative experiment, till I see Vitriol precipitated in substance from the King's Bath-water, which is acknowledg'd to be there. And if I cannot light on an apt precipitater, which every way opposeth the particles to be so discover'd, and have some other reasons to incline me to the contrary, I should not be so fond of my own conceit,

ceit, as to be prevail'd upon by a comparative instance of unslak't Lime, to wipe my own Nose, and put out my Eyes, which as far as they can, assure me to the contrary.

I shall refer the Reader to what is mention'd before concerning the Colour and Smell, in calcining the Contents of the Bath-water in general, and till I shall meet with something that will both burn blew, and give a fetid smell, that is not Sulphur, I shall so esteem that, till ascertain'd of the contrary.

I may further add, That the Sulphur is probably incorporated with the Salt, as appears by its passing with it into the Lixivium, and through papers in filtration, and not discoverable but by a strong fire, by which the body of the Salt is open'd, and a solution of the Continuum made, in order to fusion ; so that if you do not precipitate both, you can precipitate neither, unless a separation of the Sulphur from the Salt be made, which, I presume, is not easie to be done, without the help of fire, by which the Sulphur is consum'd : so that the comparative instance of unslak't Lime is little to the purpose ; where the Sulphur is separated, decocted, and precipitated ; here not so, being not apart, but residing in a Salino-Sulphureous Salt, a piece of whose Body, as we now have it, it seems to be.

Moreover, Whereas he collects from the Bath-waters not tinging Silver yellow, but rather black, that there is no Sulphur contained in the same ; I may retort, and that very justly, this as an argument to assert it. For the proper colour that Sulphur dissolved gives to Silver is not so much yellow as black, as may be easily discerned by putting any piece of Silver, but a very little while, into the decoction

coction of Sulphur made in the water of unslak't Lime, which gives as near the colour of the Silver I have caused to lye some time near the Springs of the Bath, as may be, so that the difference is not discernable; not to mention that some yellowness is observed on the Silver tinged by the Bath.

Neither am I fully satisfied that the only, or indeed the best, precipitator of Sulphur is an acid; for on the decoction of that Mineral in the water of quick Lime (the Lixivium, though with much Sulphur, not succeeding) and very sudden change, on the affusion of Spirit of Vitriol, into a milky, and much whiter Consistence, the Liquor afterwards settled, and precipitated not as Sulphur, but Lime-stone; so that the Sulphur, although it gave a greater fetid smell, yet was not so apparently precipitated, as by Oyl of Tartar in another glass, which gave the Sulphur in proper colour precipitated, without a permanent lacteous opacity. Whereupon I made this observation, as to the present experiment, That although acids do not precipitate of this lapideous matter alone, yet if in the embraces a strong sulphurous commixture, they will, and the Lime-stone is most properly precipitated by an acid, if Sulphur be decocted with it; whereas the Body of Sulphur, decocted as before, is best precipitated by a fixt Salt, the Sulphur appearing without whiteness, in its own garb, though not so fetid as on the affusion of an acid.

It may be also noted that *S. Clossens*, in his preparation of *Lac Sulphuris*, in which the body of Sulphur is open'd with *Calx Vive*, directs the Sulphur to be precipitated with Urine.

The occasion of this mistake (seeing he pretends to give the reason of another, concerning an experiment of a like nature) I conceive to be, That  
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the white matter precipitated on the affusion of any acid, was, without much examination, reputed wholly sulphurous, as appears from these words; *For if Sulphur be boyled in the water of unslak't Lime, the water becomes white, not by the affusion of a fixt Salt, as before, but of an acid: so that fixt Salts may dissolve Sulphur but not precipitate it.* Whereas the whiteness ariseth much from the mixture of the Lime-stone, as appears by the open confession of what is precipitated, if standing some time, filter'd, and brought to the test by fire, where the Lime-stone is discover'd, the Sulphur being rather disturb'd than precipitated by the acid liquor, which makes it give a greater feter, but never kindly precipitates; the other precipitation with oyl of Tartar, which here, contrary to its wonted course, joyns with the Lime-stone, which it usually precipitates, and opposeth the Sulphur, is very apparent, and sulphurous beyond contradiction.

I am not ignorant, that in the preparation of *Lac Sulphuris* mentioned before, Sulphur also is precipitated by an acid, but *that fixt Salts should dissolve Sulphur, but not precipitate it*, is what I said I was not so fully satisfied in. Not to mention that the matter precipitated by a fixt Salt is white on the first affusion, though the whiteness be not so permanent, the Sulphur in a short time precipitating in proper colour.

Besides, If Sulphur be boyled in the Bath-water, and doth not tinge it with a yellow colour, I presume, it cannot thence be argu'd that there is no Brimstone there, for the colour of the water in which Sulphur is dissolved, is not so much yellow as Lixivate, or reddish; and therefore *Schroder* gives this direction for the making that preparation of Sulphur mentioned before, that after the Sul-

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phur and Tartar are mixed, they ought to boyl, *donec fere omne Sulphur solutum sit, liquorq; rubeus appareat*; though some addition I confess it may have from the Tartar. Yet *Clossius*, in his way of making that preparation where there is no Salt of Tartar, but, instead of that quick-Lime, which gives no such tincture of it self, hath this Note; *Coque, donec partes tres aquæ sint consumptæ, ruboremque contraxerit instar sanguinis, ex Sulphure dissoluto.*

I therefore think it no ill advice here, that they that are so much concern'd to give the reason of the mistakes of others, would a little mind to rectifie their own, and not be an *Argus* abroad, but a Mole at home.

I do also acknowledg, that I believe that the white Magistery or impalpable Powder, precipitated from the Bath-water on the affusion of Salt of Tartar, or any other analogous, or agreeable Salt, is not Sulphurous, much less Aluminous; but rather Stony, of a lapideous substance, the result of an intimate Commixture, with the body of the Waters, which may have no small influence on their fermentation, as may hereafter be more fully consider'd.

And as to what reflects on that famous Practitioner, the Ingenious and Learned Dr. *Willis*, I shall, at present, say no more than this, That observing one so pedantickly dress'd up in his own clothes, he ought not to be affrighted with his own shape; only this may be further noted, That whereas Dr. *Willis* had desired of me the exacter trial of that Experiment of decocting Sulphur and Antimony in the Bath-water, I well remember I return'd him something of both that was precipitated after a double filtration, and the decoction performed

formed in a Vessel altogether free from the season of any fixt Salt.

Yet I must acknowledg, that what was precipitated was very inconsiderable to what was decocted, and not so much as to make much alteration in the colour of the water ; which may deserve their consideration who affirm, a Lime-Chalk Stone, or *Lapis calcarius*, to be contained in the Waters, and yet deny them to dissolve Sulphur, and again affirm, that Sulphur is dissolved in the water of Lime.

The same alteration of the water into a turbid milky appearance, and the precipitation by oyl of Tartar, of an insipid powder, mentioned before, was also observed in the Spaw at *Scarborough*, and Sulphur-Well at *Knaresbrough*, by *William Simpson* Doctor in Physick, as appears from several places in his *Hydrologia Chymica*, and Hydrological Essays, which he there asserts to be Aluminous, and page 118. of the latter Treatise saith ; *By the addition of Oyl of Tartar this Sulphur-water turns white, and that because it is impregnated with a small quantity of a Simple natural Alom Salt.* How far Alom is concerned in that water, I shall not here dispute, but leave it to the Learned Dr. *Wittie*, whose concern it is : only thus much I can say, that the like *Phenomenon* appearing in these waters, what is thus precipitated here is not Aluminous, as hath been acknowledged by many eminent Physitians, who have seen some quantity of the precipitated powder, and was particularly noted by the ever Honoured Sir *Charles Scarbrough*, this Summer, here.

But to prevent any mis-understanding, I must acknowledg that this assertion stands on this foundation, That the white powder precipitated by oyl of Tartar from the Waters, is the same with the finer

sort of what I had, in greater quantities precipitated spontaneously *per decubitus*, on the evaporation of many Hogsheads of the Water, and is now to be seen, though not altogether so white nor fine, having undergone many alterations, which being decocted in Spring-water, the water filter'd will precipitate with oyl of Tartar, as the Bath-water doth; yet if any one shall think fit to deem this Saline, and perhaps, Aluminous; he ought to consider, how any Salt can so soon be divested of the essential property of what is saline, as to be rendred perfectly insipid, when saline at first: though I do not absolutely deny, but that we may attribute, though somewhat Catachrestically, the name of Salt, to something not saline, communicating with it in some other of its properties.

I know very well that Alom dissolved in Spring-water, the Water filter'd and the Salt precipitated with oyl of Tartar, will be impaired much in its saline taste; yet so much of the sowness, and stip-ticity will remain, as will be sufficient to discover its nature.

## CHAP. VI.

*Of Vitriol in the Bath water.*

TO pass by the Reason of the Common Artifice of tinging Silver at the Bath, what concerns the Scum, and Sal Armoniack, as of no great moment; Vitriol is, by Him, denied to be in the Crofs and Hot Bath, because Galls beaten and infused in these Waters, will never turn them purple nor black, which is confessed would certainly be, if these Waters had Vitriol in them.

How true this is, a slight Experiment will soon evince, and if the Author had ever made trial, his Galls or Sight, must be worse than mine, if a purple colour did not appear.

To which may be added the Experience and Testimony of my Honoured and Learned Friends Sir *Edward Greaves*, and Dr. *Nat. Highmore*, who have both made trial, and found the Waters turn. With the former of whom I lately further observ'd, that when we had been sufficiently satisfied in the turning colour of the Hot Bath Pump-water, with less than half a pint of Water and but two grains of Galls, and had thrown away the Water and Galls, in order to the trial of something else, more of the same Water, though much cooler than when brought at first, being powred into the same glass, turn'd colour also, receiving a brisk light purple, from the remaining particles of the former infusion about the glass, though nothing of the Galls did appear at all.



'Tis also confirm'd by this, That whereas the Leaves of Oak make little or no alteration in the Water of the King's Bath, the Chips, or inner Bark of the same make rather a better purple in the Water of all the Baths, than the Galls; only the King's Bath tingeth deeper than the other two, as in all Experiments of this nature, it appears to do. The like also will happen on the Seeds of Sumach contus'd and infus'd, but with Pomegranate Flowers most apparently, so that the Water of any of the Baths affus'd hot on that, will presently turn purple; though the colour doth not keep so long in strength, as that which ariseth from the Oaken Chips.

These things consider'd, I conceive it no injury to the King's Bath to allow it a little Vitriol, though manifestly derogatory to the other two to deny it, since they make their claim by the same evidence, and that Judge will hardly free himself from the censure of injustice and partiality, that will not hear a poor mans Tale, but suffers an honest Cause that hath weak lungs and a weaker purse to be lost, on the louder clamours of more importunate addresses.

The truth of this Experiment being thus far call'd in question, I am the more afraid of the certainty of some others; for I remember an old Story of Mr. *Thief* in the University, that was wont to be very bulie in some Booksellers Shops, and entred in the Shop-Book under that name, whoever therefore was taken in the fact but one time, was oblig'd to quit the whole score, on this account, That he that was really convicted once, might commit the same thing five, ten, or twenty times before, and therefore he the man from whom all was requir'd.

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The Metallick Mineral, so called, hath nothing Metallick contained in it; and if this be so easily, by the air, converted into Vitriol, 'tis very strange we have not yet had any Houses of Vitriol, which surely have endur'd the air long enough to experience a Transmutation.

As for the Sand breaking out with the Springs in which Vitriol is supposed to lye undissolv'd, as was mentioned before, if there were no better arguments for Vitriol than this, I shall not stick to say, that he that depends on this, builds at best but on a sandy foundation.

That the purple colour appearing from the mixture of the Sand of the Bath, with the infusion of Galls, may not arise from the tincture of Vitriol, seems more than probable by this Experiment. I have formerly declared, that the Sand of the Bath may be so far corroded with an acid Menstruum, as not to ferment any longer, but lye quiet in the bottom of the glass without any motion at all; now, this Sand on the affusion of Common Water gave an excellent purple, when 'tis not likely that any thing saline should remain, after so many washings and re-affusions, as are requisite to reduce the Sand to that condition. Moreover 'tis considerable, the infusion was not acid, nor any way alter'd from its common taste. But this Experiment I made but once, and had not an opportunity of repeating it again.

'Tis likewise more observable, That after some hours standing, a purple floccous matter did spontaneously precipitate, upon which there being a clear separation, the Water return'd to its pristine colour, and the floccous matter subsided in the bottom of the glass, which being filter'd *per Chartam*, and examin'd, was perfectly insipid, and not at all Vitrioline.

Besides, On the Calcination of half a pound of the Sand, when the Crucible was as red and the Sand as hot as usually it is when the Salts do run, the Sand powred out glowing hot, nothing saline was observ'd to concrete among it, which it would certainly do, if any fusible Salt were there, as in other Calcinations it appears to do.

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I therefore rather judg it to proceed from an insipid but astringent Ochre, such as is mentioned by *Fallopious*, which lying some time in the open air, becomes more sower than when taken out of the Bath, which may occasion the difference between the Sand newly taken, and that which is kept some time; the Ochre it self infus'd making the liquor much blacker after some standing, as is more fully declared in the following Chapter.

## CHAP. VII.

*Containing a farther Proof and Illustration  
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**T**O make this a little clearer; 'Tis an easie Experiment to powr warm water on the Sand, in what proportion you please, which if kept some time will alter the water in which it is infus'd, into a yellowish or amber colour: when the water is impregnated very well, mix some of this with the infusion of Galls, and presently an atropurpleous colour will appear, in which if you infuse white paper but a very little while, you will quickly be satisfied what colour it will tinge. Now, if this infusion be permitted to cool, the Ochre will precipitate, leaving the water somewhat yellower than in it self it is, to which it also communicates a harsh tast, and at last settles on the top of the Sand, from which it may be separated by decantation. The contrary happens to the Sand newly taken, in which the Ochre clogg'd with too much moisture cannot shew it self, as when older, and more dry. So that I see no reason or necessity, from this *Phenomenon*, to assert the existence of Vitriol in the Sand of the Bath, otherwise than as it hath relation to this astringent Ochre, which I do believe receives this tinging property by the impression of Vitriol, this being in all probability, as is noted elsewhere, the *Terra Vitrioli*, or Earth, in which the Vitriol is contain'd before exhalation; as I conceive, the Marl or Mud is the bed of Sulphur, or the *Terra*, to which that Mineral doth more nearly adhere.

And that 'tis this yellow matter that occasions the alteration, may be further evident from this ; That after the first decanting , if the Ochre be powred all off, and warm water affused on the Sand again, and that infusion mixed with the infusion of Galls, no change of colour will ensue. To which may be added, that the Ochre it self kept some time, and infused in the decoction of Galls, will, after lying a pretty while, turn that Liquor into a much blacker appearance.

I shall end this dispute with the observation of *D. Simpson* one, who affirms, That Artificial Alom will not with Galls strike a purple colour, but the Natural Alom with its inbred Ochre, will ; ascribing more to the Ochre than the Alom. So that this may be the end of that Controversie about Alom and Galls tinging Water purple, That Alom, as Alom, doth not tinge, but as in conjunction with this inbred Ochre, or as Vitrioline ; for between Vitriol and Alom there are many resemblances, and a worthy *Jord. Nat. Bath. chap. 7. p. 52.* Author hath observed, that the Basis of Vitriol is Alom, both these being much alike, but that Vitriol hath a garb from Copper or Iron, which in the Ochre gives the tinging quality, the Alom, as distinct from Vitriol, contributing nothing at all.

If any shall affirm this Ochre to be Vitrioline, I have not deny'd it, having formerly supposed it might be *Terra Vitrioli* ; but what I here question is, whether any Vitrioline saline body, different from the Ochre, be contained in the Sand, or can lye undissolved there.

'Tis very remarkable what is said, That if the Sand of the Bath, impregnated with an acid Liquor, be put into the infusion of Galls, the Liquor acquires an atropurpleous colour ; and no wonder, since the acid Liquor may do much alone, as may  
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be seen in the mixture of Vinegar, with the decoction or infusion of Galls, which supplying in some measure the place of Vitriol, by a kind of analogy inclines the infusion to an inky complexion.

And as for the Metallick Mineral contained in the Sand, which on the affusion and corrosion of an acid Menstruum, will in part be converted into Vitriol, I have said before that 'tis nothing else but a Common Freestone, a Mineral, I confess, but how far Metallick, I leave to the judgment of the men of that Art.

For a partial satisfaction in this thing; if the sharpest Vinegar be powred on the Sand in one glass, and on Freestone in another, the same fermentation will appear for the present, and the same blewish colour of the infusion afterwards upon Corrosion; so that it much resembles the colour and smell of the saturated Liquor, on the affusion of Vinegar on the filings of Iron. But whether this be a sufficient argument to dub it Metallick, I shall be better satisfied, when I am convinced of this, That Truth hath never suffer'd by meer Resemblances.

But that it may appear that I desire to proceed in this Affair with all ingenuity and freedom from animosity, unless what will seem necessary to discover truth; I shall here recite a Passage out of Dr. Wittie's Answer to *Hydrologia Chymica*, leaving how far it may be applicable to the saline Stiria's mentioned before, to the judicious Reader and further observation.

The Candid Doctor, pag. 63. among other Preparations out of the Minerals of the Spaw at Scarborough, made by Mr. Sam. Johnston, a Physician at Beverly, and by him communicated to the Doctor, makes mention of an *Essential Salt*, which Mr. Johnston calls Anomalous, or sui generis, as differ-

ing much from the facitious or natural kinds of *Alom*, *Vitriol*, or *Nitre*, though in some properties it agree with each of them.

The Reason of this Scruple, he adds, is this, which Paracelsus hath clearly made out, That here they are not corporally, but \* percolated, not perfect in their several kinds, but in suo primitivo, not single, but doth not all mixed together, which as yet I could never attain to separate. And therefore this Salt is nothing so acid as *Vitriol*, nor stiptick as *Alom*, nor inflammable as *Nitre*, notwithstanding it doth shoot in *Stiria's*. Ple only add this, That they are all here, though in fragments, *imminutis*, & *debilitatis viribus*, and the virtues of the Waters to be judged from them all.

\* I suppose, the Doctor mean, that what is percolated hath no body or substance, but only that 'tis more refined.

To which I shall only subjoyn this Remarque, That the *Nitre*, undoubtedly here, being allay'd with the mixture of some other Salts, could not be expected to do altogether as sincere *Nitre* doth, and the best way, I conceive, to discover the distinct natures in this *Compositum*, had been to have attempted a separation by frequent *Calcinations*, *Dissolutions*, and *Coagulations*, which, if done, I much admire the several Salts did not appear in proper form, as they did in the anomalous Salt of these Waters, subjected to the same way of trial: and then I somewhat question, whether *Alom* would have deserved so much favour, as the Doctor's good nature hath allow'd it here.

I shall forbear, at present, to trace this Author or follow his track any further, as also to examine his Opinion, concerning the Cause of the Heat of the Bath-waters, till my Treatise, in the same language he hath written in, be presented to the World; only thus much I shall say now, That I conceive an *Hypothesis* founded, though not on a subterranean fire, yet on things under ground, may probably give

give more satisfaction than some airy notions, considering especially, that nothing external to the Body of the Earth, can in reason be supposed capable of reaching these Waters, but rather somewhat included in its own Bowels, which may be near at hand, of an active, even, and durable nature ; when, to say no more, nothing is more variable than the air, nor unconstant than rain.

I shall also distinguish the whole bulk of what relates to the Body of the Waters, into things Saline, and *non-Saline* : the former I shall endeavour to evince to be *Nitre*, *Common Salt*, and *Vitriol* ; the latter, to be partly unctuous, as *Bitumen* and *Sulphur* ; partly gritty, as *Freestone* ; and partly earthy, as *Marl* and *Ochre*. I shall likewise examine what pretences *Alom* can make, and further discourse of the difference between that and *Vitriol* : and lastly, enquire into the competition of *Lapis Calcarius* with *Freestone* ; so that the Bath-water will have relation to, or comprehend in its largest extent, eight distinct Substances, at least according to my Observations, which will be the business, God willing, of the first Book of my Treatise *De Thermis Bathoniensibus* ; viz. *de Aquarum Principiis, una cum earundem appendiculis, nimirum, Arena, sive Sabulo, Luto, & supernatante uligine, sive Spumâ*. The second Book shall treat *De Aquarum Calore*. The third *De usu Thermarum, ubi de modo Balneandi ; de Aquarum potatione ; de Antliatione jam in usu loco dulciæ, aut Stillicidii Veterum ; de usu Luti, &c.* The fourth and last Book, I intend, shall be *De Aquarum Virtutibus, & Nocumentis, observationibus quibusdam rarioribus, quantum res ipsa patitur confirmatis* : Which Emoluments and Inconveniences shall be both evidently deduced from the precedent Principles, the one re-  
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### CHAP. VIII.

*Being a Letter formerly written to Sir Edward Greaves.*

I Know you (as well as other Ingenious and Inquisitive Persons) are somewhat concern'd, and desirous to understand, what Success my late Enquiries have had into one of the Grand Mysteries of Nature, I mean, the BATHS of this City: considering especially that you were pleased the last Summer to afford me the Honour of your Company and particular Acquaintance, and to express a more than ordinary desire of my proceeding in this Thing.

Concerning which I must tell you, That as I have not been wanting, either to Pains or Pay, in my Proceedings hitherto ; so I have had the good Hap ( which hath been my Encouragement ) to meet with many considerable Discoveries. And though the main Body of the Matter collected touching this Affair, be not yet ripe for the Launch, but will require a longer time to digest ; yet some Observations I shall now communicate, which will give a little satisfaction to an earnest desire, and make, in some measure, appear that we have been  
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lame and defective hitherto in a rational Account and true Understanding of the Nature of these Waters.

It hath been indeed the ill fortune of these Baths, (which I may truly say are as good if not better than any Baths in the world) to lie a long time in obscurity, and not so much as to be mentioned among the Baths of *Europe* by any forreign Writer, till about the Year 1570. when that Excellent Person Sir *Edward Carne*, sent Ambassadour by Queen *Elizabeth* to Pope *Julius* the Third, and *Paul* the Fourth, made some Relation of them to that famous Writer *Andrew Baccius*, then at *Rome*, and writing his elaborate Book *de Thermis*, into which he hath inserted them, upon his Relation, *Lib. 4. Cap. 13.* (though somewhat improperly) among Sulphurous Baths.

About the same time also one *John Jones*, an honest *Cambro-Britan*, frequenting the Baths for Practice, composed a little Treatise of them, which he calls *Baths Aid*, in which are some things not contemptible, though in a plain Countrey dress, and which might satisfie and gratifie the Appetite of those times, which fed more heartily and healthily too, on good Beef and Bag-Pudding, than we do now upon Kickshaws and Haut-gusts; yet nothing of the true Nature is there discovered, only, as almost in all former Writers of Baths, chiefly Catholick, a strong Stench of Sulphur, and a great ado about a Subterranean Fire, a fit resemblance of Hell, at least of Purgatory.

Our Countrey-man Dr. *William Turner*, I confess, was more particularly concern'd to give a better account, than I find is done in his Discourse of English, German, and Italian Baths: And whether want of opportunity, or any other impediment was  
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in cause, I know not ; but I find that at this stay they stood till the Famous Dr. *Jorden* took Pen in Hand, about the Year 1630. To whom I thought fit to make some Additions, at my first entrance on this Place, some five Years since. And although that Learned and Candid Physician had *chiefly and more especially an intent to enlarge the Knowledg of our Baths in Somerset-shire*, (as he declares to my Lord *Cottingham*, in his Dedicatory Epistle) and hath performed more than any Man before him, yet what was first in Intention, was last in Execution ; and how small a part of that Treatise is spent upon this Subject, how short he is in some Material Points, and what Objections may be framed against his Opinion, I may sometime or other, with due Respect, more largely treat of ; and for the present shall here, with good *Sem* and *Japhet*, cast a Garment over the Nakedness of this my Father.

What hath been done since (except in some particular pieces of other Tracts, to the Authors of which the Baths are also indebted for their kindness and good will) is not worth the mentioning. The old saying's true, *Little Dogs must piss*, and what is writ upon an Ale-bench claims the greater affinity to the Pipe and the Candle ; especially if the best Wine at the Feast ( which is usually kept till last ) be but a silly Story of *Tom Coriat*, and an old *Taunton* Ballad new vampt, abusing the dead Ghosts of *Lud*, *Hudibras* and *Bladud*, with a Nonsensico-Pragmatical, Anticruzado-Orientado-Rhodomontado-Untruth-Le Grand, which we Westerly Moderns, call a GROTELYE, into the Bargain. A pretty Artifice in Rhetorick, to cry a thing up, and besinear, and *shed plentifully* on the Founder *Ordure*, both *Humane and Belluine*.

*Rode Caper, vitem, tamen hic cum stabis ad aras  
In tua quod fundi cornua possit, erit.*

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Goat, Bark the Vine; yet juyce enough will rise  
To drench thy Head, when made a Sacrifice.

I have Industriously omitted Dr. *Johnson*, Dr. *Venner*, and some others, in regard it would be improper here to Write more Historically. I shall therefore now let you know not so much what hath been done by others, as what further discoveries have been made by my endeavours, assisted by the careful Pains of Mr. *Henry Moor* an expert Apothecary and Chymist of this City.

And here at first I cannot but take notice how that opinion hath so much prevailed as to be accounted Orthodox, and not only received by Tradition as certain, but Printed as such, that the Body of the Waters is so jejune and empty, as to afford little or nothing at all whereby to make a discovery of its Nature, and that what impregnates the Baths is not Substantially, Materially or Corporally there, but potentially, virtually and formally, or to use the Author's own words, *δυνάμει μᾶλλον ἢ ἐνέργειᾳ*, Carolus Claromont de Aer. Aq. & Loc. T. A. pag. 32. with much more canting after this manner, in a small discourse in Latin written by an Itinerant Exotick, when as a slight operation will soon evince it, though white and transparent of it self, being taken immediately from the Pump, to contain a considerable quantity of a Dusky, Gritty, and Saline Matter, with many transparent Particles intermixed with it, to the proportion, (as near as I can calculate) of two drams to a gallon of the Water. And this I can ascertain, having had several ounces of it done in Earth, Iron, Bell-metal, and Glass, and have  
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at this time three or four ounces by me, untoucht, beside what I have made use of in other Experiments.

But the thing I shall more Peculiarly insist on, at this present, is, That by God's blessing on my Industrious Search, I suppose I have lighted on the main Constituent of the Virtues of the Bath, in which chiefly resides what benefit can be expected from the use of these Waters, and lodgeth in a Saline substance, in a very small proportion to the Body of the Waters ; so that as they are now, not much more than forty grains is contained in a Gallon, insomuch that this little Soul, as I may so term it, is almost lost in so Gigantick a Body, and cannot animate it with that vigour and activity as may be rationally expected, were a greater quantity of the Salt contained in a less proportion of the Water. The Remainder, which is not Saline, being, as I judg, two Parts of Three of the Bulk of the contents, is partly Whitish, Gritty, and of a Lapidous Nature, concreting of it self, into a stony consistence not easily dissolvable ; partly more Light, and Dirty, resembling Clay, or Marle, and discovers it self by an apparent separation from the Saline and Gritty part mentioned before.

Now the chief Virtue of the Bath, as I conceive, consisting in the Salts, which appear by undeniable Experiments, to be Nitrous, and I believe Vitrioline ( Bitumen and Sulphur being not Primarily, as these Salts, but Secundarily concern'd ) and no small proportion of other things blended with it, the best way to make it most serviceable I conceived to be, to free it from those incumbrances and allays it hath from the other Ingredients, and prepare it as exactly as may be performed by Art, for the benefit of those especially who are willing to Drink  
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the Waters with greater success in a lesser quantity ; which they may now do , and have more of the virtue of the Waters in a quart, three pints, or a pottle, than they formerly had in two or three Gallons, did they drink so much ; which will be, besides other Conveniencies, a great relief to the Stomach, which certainly must be relaxed, and the Tone of it injured by that vast quantity of Water which is usually taken, diluting its ferment overmuch, and distending its Membranes beyond all the bounds of a reasonable Capacity.

Besides, What is separated only by an artificial Extraction will better unite again, and mix with the Waters, as much more familiar, than the extraneous Salts of *Sal Prunella*, Cream of Tartar, &c. which are usually dissolved and drunk with the Waters ; so that a great part of the Operation may be ascribed to that ; and the Waters being, as we say, between two Stools, that of it self, and the dissolvent in it, hath not attained to that degree of Reputation as they have deserved, and may be procured with much more advantage, if nothing but the same be spent upon the same, a way of Improvement altogether equally beneficial to Fluids and Solids, to the wet as to the dry.

Again, Whereas it is a custom here as in all other places of the like Nature, when Persons are not willing, or have not conveniences to come to the Fountain Head, to send for the Waters to the places of their Residence, not thinking it much material whether *Mahomet* go to the Mountain, or the Mountain come to him, whereby the Virtue of the Waters is much impaired, if not stopped and sealed up with very great care ; this defect may in good part be supplied by the addition of a Quantity of the same Ingredients, which may repair the loss that  
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hath been sustained by Evaporation in the Carriage, or other way of damage, and restore it again, as near as may be, to its pristine Virtue, and genuine advantage. Not to mention, that if need require, and the poorer sort cannot procure or pay the Freight for the Waters, they may take a shorter course, by mixing the Salt, which they may have at reasonable Rates, with Spring-Water, brought to a proportionable degree of heat at home, and expect more advantage, for ought I know, than those that drink the Waters themselves at so great a distance.

And because I am now fallen on this Subject, I shall crave leave to remind you of what you well enough understand already, that not only *Dulcius* but *Utilius ex ipso Fonte, &c.* and Waters especially impregnated with volatile Spirits, such as most acid are, and peculiarly Vitrioline, to avoid the inconvenience and expence, not so much of Money as Virtue, in the Carriage, must be drank on the place where they are, which, in some kind resembling Children, that must live by sucking, if once removed from their Mother, or Nurse, by degrees dwindle away, and at last die.

It is observable in these Waters, that with four Grains of Galls injected into a Pint Glass of Water, or the Water poured on it, it immediately turns of a purple Colour, which in short time after, as the Water cools, abates much of its vividness, and becomes more faint: if the Waters be suffered to cool, and be quite cold before the Galls are injected, but little alteration happens upon a much greater proportion of Galls superadded, and (what is more remarkable) if the Water, which is permitted to cool, be recruited by the Fire, and the same Tryal reiterated, it offers no greater satisfaction in change  
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of Colour, than the second Experiment. Consonant to what *Andreas Baccius* hath formerly observ'd, who in his second Book *de Thermis*, Cap. 10. Pag. 69. hath these words, *Nulla Balnei Aqua, eodem cum successu ac laude bibitur longe exportata, quo ad fontem proprium; maxima enim parte ex ipso fonte hausta ac delata, amittunt omnem virtutem; multæ non servantur per hyemem, dilutæ pluviis; & quæ ut-cunque servantur delatæ à propriis fonticulis, fieri non potest, quin amittant, cum calore suo Minerali, vivificos illos Spiritus in quibus omnis Juvamenti vis consistit, quæ semel amissa, nullo postea extrinseco calore restituitur. Quod est valde notandum.*

I have been the more particular in this, in regard it is a very useful and practical Discovery, and may procure more real advantage to Mankind, than the vain and unattainable attempts of the Philosophers Stone, making Glafs malleable, and the Quadrature of a Circle.

Some other Observations I shall also mention, of a less magnitude, and more contracted circumference, as the dying of the Bath-guides skins, the Bathers Linnen, and the Stones in the bottom of the Bath, of a yellow colour, and the eating out of the Iron Rings of the Bath, the Iron Bars of the Windows about the Bath, and any Iron infused in it; insomuch as I have now by me a Gad of Iron by accident taken up among the Stones of the Kings-Bath, so much eaten out, and digested by the Olsirich stomach of these Waters, that, the sweetness extracted, what remains resembles very much a Hony-comb, a deep perforation in many places being attempted, and the whole Gad it self reduced to a thing very much like a Sponge.

The first, viz. the Tincture I have discovered to arise from an Ochre, with which the Bath abounds,

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and hath afforded me a considerable quantity, so that now I have near a pound by me, and with an infusion of that in warm water, tinge Stones as exactly of the Bath colour, that they are not discernable one from another. It is further observable, that the nearer the place of ebullition, where the Springs arise, the deeper and finer is the Yellow colour, so that in some places, about the Cross in the Kings Bath, and at the head of the great Spring, at the Southwest corner thereof, it is almost made a natural paint, being laboured together by the working of the Springs, and a continual succession of new Matter coming on, free from those impurities it contracts in other places, which make it distinguishable into two or three sorts, according to its mixtures with, or freedom from, more adulterating Matter. The Clouts also and Woollen Rags, which the Guides use to stop the Gouts withal, besides the Walls, Slip-doors and Posts, when the Bath is kept in a considerable time, as in the Winter season it useth to be, are all very much tinged with this yellow substance, and if at any time they chance to lie unwash'd or not thrown away, they send out so ungrateful a scent, that a man had rather smell to a Carnation, Rose, Violet, or a Pomander, than be within the wind of so unwelcome a smell, it being the greatest policy to get the Weather-gage in this encounter. The same thing I have experienced in Vessels at home, where after it had stood some time in a common infusion of warm water, I have the same reverence for that as Pictures, and do aver it to be true, *E Longinquo reverentia major*.

One thing more is to be noted before I leave this particular, that although so much of this yellow Matter is continually bred, with which the neighbouring Ground is sufficiently replenisht, as I have

have found by digging in some places not far distant, yet nothing of that colour is discovered in the Contents, a probable argument it either evaporates, to which I am more inclin'd, in regard I find it much more copious where the Steam of the Bath meets with any resistance, or else it may be, which is less probable, turns colour by the fire in evaporation that way; less probable, I say, because for further satisfaction, I have decocted the Ochre more than once, and find rather that it gets than loses in its colour.

The Reason of this I conceive to be, That this Ochre being probably, as I have elsewhere discours'd, the vehicle of Vitriol, on its separation from it in the open air, precipitates to the bottom, and tinges the stones with a yellow colour, leaving the body of the waters through which it passes much unconcern'd; which may be one reason, why the Water of the open Bath tingeth not with Galls, as I have observ'd, like that from the Pumps, though the avolation of Spirits may not perhaps be altogether ridiculous, considering especially, that the water from the Pump when cold, will lose its tinging property, though nothing be observ'd to be precipitated. And that some of this yellow matter is contained in the water, though with some difficulty observed, doth appear from the fifty second Observation.

The greenish colour ariseth from another cause, which I conceive may be the effect either of the Salt or Vitriol, or both, the former making that colour in meats long in salt, and the latter, if from green Copperas, may easily be understood.

The eating out of the Iron I conceive must proceed from something Corrosive, and till any one can assure me 'tis something else, I shall judge

it to be Vitriol, though the Salt also may contribute not a little. And that it may appear not to be caused by the bare steam, as Rust is bred upon Pot-hooks and Cotterels, besides the difficulty to conceive how the steam should operate under water, as in the case of the Gad before mentioned, I made a Lixivium of the contents of the Water, and in it infused Iron but a very small time, and found it to do the same as in the Bath it self, considering the time of infusion; and the very Knives and Spatules I put in to stir some residence in the bottom, were almost as soon as dry, cruusted over and defended with a rusty coat.

I have other Arguments I suppose will contribute something more to the confirmation of this opinion; as that with the help of the Sand of the Bath, with Water and Galls, I made good writing Ink, which in a short time comes to be very legible; but the infusion of the Contents in Common water, or the Lixivium thereof, with an addition of an inconsiderable proportion of the decoction of Galls makes it tolerably legible on the first commixture, only the first, *viz.* that made with Sand, casting an eye of decayed red from a mixture of Ochre contained in the same. Neither is it altogether to be slighted, that the Water it self hath been heretofore used by the best writing Masters for the making of Ink, who observing by their experience, that Ink made with Bath-water, and the other usual Ingredients, had a better colour, and was more lasting than any other, preferred this Water before any other for this use, as I have been informed by some credible persons. Also having not long since occasion to pour warm water on the Contents of the Bath, in order to the making a Lixivium, some of the water happened by an accident to fall on a  
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Basil skin I sometimes use, and immediately turned the Red into a Black more than the breadth of an ordinary hand, with as much facility as any Carriers Liquor. Alum I know will do the like, but I find no necessity to assert that, which had it any thing to do here, must make the Water much rougher, whiter and sower, than I find it to be. To which I may add, that many judicious persons, my Patients, and some intelligent and eminent Physicians also have assured me, that they have perfectly discerned by the taste a mixture of Vitriol, and that I need not doubt, but that was one principal Ingredient. 'Tis also not very inconsiderable, that the Bath-water alone will coagulate Milk, though not after the usual way of making a Posset; for after the Milk and Water are put together, it must boil pretty smartly, else the Curd will not rise. I may likewise subjoin as a further probability, that on the relenting of the Salt extracted into an Oyl *per deliquium*, there is a very sharp Stiptick and Vitrioline taste perceived in the gross *deliquium*, as also in the clear Oyl, and the Salt it self; not to mention its shooting into glebes, of which I have some small assurances by trials I have made, not yet sufficiently satisfactory, and therefore I dismiss this part for the present, with the greatest probability, till a further inquiry shall make me positive.

But as to Nitre, there can be no question made about that I suppose; for besides the quick, acrimonious, cooling, and nauseous taste, most apparently discoverable both in the infused contents, the Salt and Oyl (the latter of which, *viz.* the nauseous Taste, I take more particular notice of, in regard it is most predominant, and assigned by *Fallopius* to Nitre, and the Waters impregnated with it, which,



he says, sometimes do *subvertere stomachum*, & *facere nauseam*, de *Therm. Aq. & Met. cap. 9.* besides, I say, these probable conjectures ) what will set it beyond all contradiction, is, that it hath the true Characteristick of Nitre, and shoots in Needles, of which I have now lately shot above twenty *Stiriz*.

I the rather mention this, in regard it hath been my good hap to bring this thing to perfection and autoptical Demonstration, which hath been in vain attempted by some industrious persons; not that I am, in the least, willing to arrogate to my self, or derogate from them, more than what is fitting, but to confirm this truth, that there are some *Mollia tempora fandi*; some opportunities, when Nature will give willing audience, without much ceremony or ado, confessing more by fair perswasions, than racks and torments, and greater importunity. And that we ought to be very cautious how we affirm a thing not to be, upon the failure of a single, or some repeated Experiments.

In fine, Lest I should too much exceed the bounds of a Letter, what concerns the cause of the Heat of the Waters, I say little of here, only tell you, that when I shall come to discourse of that Subject, of which I intend, God willing, a large Disquisition in another Language, I believe I shall find my self obliged not so much to depend on a subterranean Fire, as to expect greater satisfaction from another Hypothesis.

Many more Experiments I have made upon the Sand, Scum and Mud of the Bath, with some Observations drawn from the *Natura Loci*, or Ground hereabouts; but, I fear, I have been too tedious already, and therefore, without further ceremony,

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with the Subscription of,

*Honoured Sir,*

*Your most Faithful, &c.*

CHAP. IX.

*Of the Antiquity of the Baths and City.*

AND now it may be expected I should say something concerning the Antiquity of the Baths and City, which I the rather do here, in regard since my writing any thing of this kind heretofore, in many Particulars I have met with better information.

Not to mention any thing of *Bladud*, and the *British* Histories, as at best, uncertain, I shall first take notice of the Opinion of those that ascribe their discovery to *Julius Cæsar*, fifty years, or thereabouts, before Christ, which the Learned Antiquary Mr. *Cambden* thinks not so probable, because *Solinus*, who lived in the time of *Titus Vespasian*, 130 years after, and 83 (rather 81) years after Christ, was the first of the *Romans* that made mention of them. But if it be uncertain when *Solinus* lived, and most likely after the year three hundred, as my Judicious friend, the Reverend and Learned Dean of *Bangor* hath observ'd, then the Antiquity reaches not so high.

To which may be added most assuredly, That *Julius Cæsar* came not so far up into the Land: For

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Dr. Will:  
Lloyd.

whatever some Poets and Poetical Historians that lived a thousand years after him, may deliver, certain it is that *J. Caesar* made not so great a Conquest here as they made for him; whence *Tacitus* writes, That he discover'd only, not delivered unto the *Romans*, *Britain*. His words in the life of *Julius Agricola* are these; *Primus omnium D. Julius cum exercitu Britanniam ingressus, quanquam prospera pugna terruerit incolas, ac littore potitus sit, potest videri ostendisse posteris, non tradidisse.* *Horace* also calls the *Britain*, before *Augustus*, Untoucht;

*Lib. E.  
pod. 04. 7.*

*Intactus aut Britannus ut descenderet  
Sacra Catenatus via.*

Nor yet, Th'unconquered *Britain* to convey  
Captiv'd, in Chains, down Sacred way.

And *Cambden* saith, That 'tis so far from being true what *Paterculus* reports, *Bis penetrata Britannia à Cesare*, That *Caesar* passed twice through *Britain*, or twice a great way into *Britain*, which is all can well be understood by those words of that Historian, that he scarce made entry into it. For many years after this Entrance of *Caesar*, the Inhabitants of this Island were left to the free government of their own Kings, and used their own Laws.

*Twin.  
Comm.*

*p. 146, 147.*

*De Bell.*

*Gall. lib. 5.*

Another Learned Antiquary treating of *Caesar's* Conquest here, is of opinion that it extended no farther than *Kent*, some part of *Sussex*, *Surrey*, *Midlesex* and *Essex*, and perhaps, as the Learned Dr. *Lloyd* hath further noted, into the edge of *Berks*, *Oxford* and *Bucks*; for he mentions the *Bibraci* and *Anealites*, which *Cambden* with good probability places there. The words of *Twine* are these; *Mibi quidem videtur universum Cantium, Suffexiæ vicinæ loca,*

*loca, & Suthreiam, quæ Regni nomine, itemque Middlesexiam & Effexiam, qui hodiè à Doctorem vulgo, Trinobantium appellatione intelliguntur, legionibus suis invasisse; nec, si ad plures penetrasset, aut in gratiam recepisset, puto præterire silentio valuisse. Reliqui vero populi manus quidem dederunt, quorum tamen regiones nunquam à Cæsare conspectæ sunt. To me, indeed, it seemeth probable, that Julius Cæsar, with the Souldiers under his Command, conquered all Kent, the neighbouring parts of Suffex and Surrey, called by the name of Regnum, also Middlesex and Effex, which the Learned call Trinobants; neither do I believe but that if he had conquered or made peace with more, he would have mentioned them: Some other Inhabitants nearest to danger yielded, whose Country Cæsar never saw.*

The Saxon names of *Bathancester*, *Hat Batban*, and *Akmancheester*, are of later date, the Saxons not arriving here till the time of *Theodosius* the younger, about the year of Christ, according to the most probable account of Venerable *Bede*, 449. *Hist. Eccl.* Nay the later name of *Akmancheester* was not given <sup>l. c. 15.</sup> till some few years after the year of Christ 577; when from a mean condition, to which this City was then reduced by War, it again recovered strength and great dignity, and from the great concourse of Diseased people that came for Cure, was called *Akmancheester*, or, The City of Sickly folks.

*Anno 575, saith the Saxon Chronicle, the City of Bathe, as also Gloucester and Ciceter, were taken by Cuthwin and Ceaulin the Saxons from the Britains, after the slaughter of three British Kings, Commail, Condidan, and Farinmail, that year in a battle at Deorham.*

Neither can their Antiquity be much more advanced

vanced by the *ῥεῖται ὑπερῶς*, or Hot waters in *Pto-  
lomy*, who flourisht about *Anno Christi 161*, being  
also the first year of the Reign of the Emperour  
*Antoninus*; *Aquæ Solis*, or Waters of the Sun of  
*Antonine*, or *Badiza* of *Stephanus*, who lived *Anno  
Dom. 540*. But what may seem to some of greater  
consequence are the *British* Names of *Ἡ Εὐναιντ  
Ἰλwynin*, as *Cambden* hath it, or rather *Caer En-  
naint*, the *City of Oyntment*, from the Diseased  
people that came hither for relief, *Ennaint* in Welch  
signifying *Unguentum*: or else, *Caer yn nant Ilwy-  
min*, the *City in the warm Vale*; whence *Bristol* was  
anciently called, *Caer Oder yn nant Baddon*, the  
*City Oder in the Vale of Bathe*. *Caer Baddon*, or  
*Bathon*; and *Caer Paladdur*, the *City of Pallas*, or  
*Minerva's Water*; especially since *Solinus* affirms  
*Minerva* to have been the Patroness of these Baths,  
if of them he writes, as most probable, in these  
words, *Chap. 25*, where speaking of *Britain*, he  
saith, *In quo spatium magna & multa flumina sunt,  
fontesque calidi opiparo exculpti apparatu ad usum  
mortalium: quibus fontibus præsul est Minervæ nu-  
men in cujus æde perpetui ignes nunquam canescunt  
in favillas, sed ubi ignis tabuit, vertitur in globos  
saxeos*; i.e. *In which space are many great Rivers,  
and Hot springs, very curiously adorned and kept for  
mens use, the Patroness of which is the Goddess Mi-  
nerva, in whose Temple perpetual fires never turn to  
ashes, but when the heat is over, become round lumps  
of stone*. There being also a Tradition here, that  
there was formerly a Temple dedicated to *Minerva*,  
where the Church of *St. Peter and Paul*, common-  
ly called the *Abbey-Church*, now stands. I say, if  
*Solinus* writes of them, because the Baths of *Buck-  
stones* in *Darbyshire* are likewise in *Britain*, and were  
formerly much frequented.

H. Lloyd.  
F. agm.  
descr.  
E. it p. 16.



I know very well that *Mons Palader* was a name amongst the *Britans* for *Shaftsbury*, *Palad* in that Language signifying a Shaft ; but *Ponticus Verrinnius*, who lived 1500 years since Christ , corruptly calls it *Paladur* ; *Rudhudibras condidit oppidum Montis Paladur quod nunc Sefronia dicitur* ; and therefore gave occasion to some inconsiderate persons to confound it with *Bathe* : Now although any one that knows a Mountain from a Plain may see the difference, yet I must be so impertinent here as to say , That I see no reason to the contrary but that *Palladdur* may be two words, and rendred *Minerva's Water* ; *Edw* being the word for Water in *Welsh*, and *Mons Palader*, *Paladr*, or *Waladr*, as it should be written, and *Caer Palladdur*, to be two distinct places ; the former *Shaftsbury*, the latter *Bathe* : However if *Cambden* be mistaken, and my self also following his Authority , we are both under the correction of those that have better converse with the *British* Writers.

Mr. Tho:  
Wilkins,  
Prebend of  
Llandaffe.

I shall only add, That *Ptolomy* reckons *Therma* and *Ischalis* as Cities of the *Belga*, whereof *Ischalis*, now *Ilchester*, he places in 16 degrees 40 minutes of Longitude; 53 degrees 30 minutes of Latitude; and the other City *Therma*, or *Bathe*, in 17 degrees 20 minutes of Longitude , and 53 degrees 40 minutes of Latitude.

*Antoninus* his Itinerary hath *Aqua Solis* in the way between *Venta Silurum*, now *Caer Guent*, and *Verlucio*, now *Warminster* : from *Venta* to the ferry over *Severn*, called *Trajectum*, he makes six miles ; from that Ferry to *Aqua Solis* eighteen miles ; and from *Aqua Solis* to *Verlucio* sixteen miles. This may serve to prove, that *Therma* in *Ptolomy*, and *Aqua Solis* in *Antonine*, were meant of *Bathe*.

Let this then suffice for the Antiquity of the Waters ,

Waters, That we have a Tradition, and the Authority too of some suspected Writers, that the Baths were discovered eight hundred and odd years before Christ: That not long after Christ, we have undoubted mention made of them in credible Authors, and that doubtless they were known, and made use of too, long before any Author writ of them: So that to trace their Original, is to unravel the Creation, and to make enquiry for their commencement, little different than to seek after the Head of Nile.

To give but a taste of the Philosophy of the Times, but little more than two hundred years ago, in reference to these Waters, I shall mention a part of the Riming History of Unfortunate Princes, composed by *John Boccace*, who lived about A.D. 1450, and translated by *Dan. Lidgate*, where fol. 31, *Bladud* speaks thus:

## I.

*Some say I made the Holesom Baths at Bath,  
And made therefore two burning Tuns of Brass,  
And other twain seven kinds of Salts, that have  
In them inclos'd; but these be made of Glass;  
With Sulphur fill'd, Wild-fire emixt there was.  
And in four Wells those Tuns so placed beat, for aye.  
The Water springeth up before it pass away.*

## I I.

*Which Waters beat, and cleansing perfect power,  
With vapours of the Sulphur salts and fire,  
Hath vertue great to heal, and cleanse, and scower  
The bathed Sores therein that health desire.  
If of the Vertues more thou dost require  
To know, I will recite what old Experience tells  
In Causes cold, the noble Vertues of those Wells.*

## I II.

*The Baths to soften Sinews Vertue have,  
 And also for to cleanse and scowr the skin ;  
 From Morpheus white and black to heal and save ;  
 The bodies freckled, faint, are bath'd therein,  
 Scabs, Lepry, sores are old, and fester'd in (mors fell,  
 The Scurf, Botch, Itch, Gout, Pox, swell'd Joynts and hu-  
 The Milt and Liver hard it heals, and Palsy well.*

## I V.

*I must confess, by learned skill I found (men.  
 These Native Wells whence springs that help for  
 But well thou knowst, there runs from under ground  
 Springs, sweet, salt, cold and hot, even now as then,  
 From Rock, Salt Peter, Alom, Gravel, Fen,  
 From Sulphur, Iron, Lead, Gold, Silver, Brass and Tin,  
 Each fountain takes the force of vein it coucheth in.*

## V.

*Then whoso knows by Natures work in these  
 Of Mettals or of Mines the force to heal,  
 May sooner give his Judgment in disease  
 For curing by the Bath ; and surer deal  
 With sickly people of the Publick weal :  
 And also find of Fountains salt, or hot, or cold,  
 And for to heal by them the sick with honour be bold.*

## V I.

*The City eke of Bathe I founded there,  
 Renowned far by reason of the Wells :  
 And many Monuments that ancient were,  
 I placed there, Thon knowst the story tells, &c.*

What probability the Philosophical part of this  
 Poetry may carry concerning the seven kinds of  
 Salts

Salts inclosed in four Tuns, and things relating thereunto, may be concluded much from what is Historical, and mentioned in the last place, concerning the Monuments, which cannot possibly pretend to that Antiquity, being not in the least *British*, but purely *Roman*, as is made appear in the following Chapter; This therefore is to be taken as a fancy, and so let it go.

*Alexander Necham*, somewhat above 400 years ago, wrote these Verses on the Baths.

*Bathonix Thermis vix præfero Virgilianas  
 Confectio profunt Balnea nostra Seni;  
 Profunt attritis, collis, invalidisq;  
 Et quorum morbis frigida Causa subest.  
 Prævenit humanum stabilis natura laborem,  
 Servit Naturæ legibus Artis opus.  
 Igne suo succensa quibus data Balnea fervent  
 Ænea subter aquas Vasa latere putant.  
 Errorem signenta solent inducere passim,  
 Sed quid? Sulphureum novimus esse locum.*

Which I thus made English :

*Baths Baines with Virgil's I compare,  
 Useful for ancient folk they are,  
 Bruis'd, weak, consum'd, as well as old,  
 And in all griefs whose source is cold.  
 Nature mans Labour doth prevent,  
 And Art again serves her Intent.  
 There's fire under ground some say  
 That thus makes Baths great Pots to play.  
 Fancy doth often Error breed,  
 But what? from Brimstone these proceed.*

As to the City, it is not, I think, to be doubted, but that the Baths were before that, and gave name to it, sick people making small Cottages first for their Conveniences, which were afterwards improved into fairer Buildings. *Constat Latinum nomen huic Civitati ab Antiquis inditum, Aquæ Calidæ ex his Balneis*, saith *Andr. Baccius*, if the Testimony of a Stranger may be admitted; *It is certain the City was called Aquæ Calidæ, from the Baths.* The Statues also of *Coil* a Brittilh King, and *Edgar* a Saxon, who are said, how truly I know not, to have given Charters to this City, placed at the end of the Town-Hall, or Council-House, are arguments of its Antiquity, although perhaps they might be Patrons that were chosen by the Monks.

That *Edgar* was Crowned at *Bathe* above 700 years ago, *Bathe* being then called an *Old Borough*, with great Solemnity, on *Whitsunday*, appears from these words of the *Saxon Chronicle*, written by one that then lived, and writ his History but three years after his Coronation. *Anno 973. May 11. being Whitsunday, Edgar was Consecrated King with great glory, in that Old Borough Ake-mannesceastre, which by another name they call Bathon, there was great joy to all men on that Blessed Day, which they call Pentecost; there was a great Assembly of Priests and Monks, and the Wise met there in Councel.*

*Edgar* had lived 29 years full of trouble and misery, when this came to pass, and in his 30th. year was Consecrated.

*Anno 520. or 71 years after their arrival here out of Germany, the English Saxons besieged this City, with whom K. Arthur fought a great Battel on Mons Badonicus, now called Bannesdown, and*  
flew



slew so many of them, that they had little heart to make any further attempt for a considerable time, but left it to the quiet possession of the *Britains*. Yet *Ninnius* writeth, that the 12th. of K. *Arthur's* Battels against the *Saxons*, was at the Hill or Town of *Bathe*, where many a one was slain by his force and might. The *Saxons* then had besieged *Bathe*, K. *Arthur* rais'd their Siege, and after besieged them on *Mons Badonicus*, where he took their Camp, made a great slaughter of them, and then kept his *Christmas* in *Bathe*. This was the year that *Gildas* was born, and thereupon was called *Badonicus* ever after.

Dr. Lloyd.

*Anno 676.* *Osbrich* founded here a Nunnery, and not long after *Offa* K. of *Mercia* built a Church, both which in the time of the *Danish* Wars were demolisht. Out of the Ruines of these two arose the Church of *St. Peter*, in which *Edgar* was Crown'd. But more of the Church in its place.

*Anno 775.* the year in which *Offa* is said to have began this Church, he fought with *Kinewulf* K. of the *West-Saxons* at *Bensington* near *Oxford*, overcame him, and took *Bensington*. This *Offa* is said to have spent much of his time at *Bathe*; *Iste Offa* (saith the Author of *Brutus abbreviatus*) *multum morabatur Bathoniæ*. He began his Reign *Anno 755.* reigned 39 years, and died *Anno 794.*

MS.

Dooms day Book.

In the Time of *Edward* the Confessor *Bathe* flourished exceedingly, the King having there 64 Burghers, and 30 Burghers of others, the City paying Tribute according to 20 Hides, which amounts to about 30 yard Land.

Cambden. In the Reign of *William Rufus*, *Robert Mowbray* Br. p. 234. Nephew to the Bishop of *Constance* sackt and burnt it.

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The Industrious Mr. Pryn in his \* *Brevia Parliamentaria rediviva*, and † 4th. part of a brief Register of Parliamentary Writs, hath given an account of Citizens return'd to serve in Parliament for this City, ever since the 26th. year of K. Ed. 1. about A. D. 1298. or 377 years since.

\* P. 298.

† P. 299.

In *Bathe* are three Hospitals, it self, indeed, being but one great one, St. *Johns*, *Bellots*, and the *Bimburies*, otherwise called St. *Katherines*, besides a Free-School erected in the Time of Ed. 6.

The Hospital of St. *Johns* was founded A. D. 1174. by *Reginald Fitz-Joceline*, a Lombard, Bishop of *Bathe* and *Wells*, and afterward translated to *Canterbury*, but, before he was possessed of his new honour, died, and was buried at *Bathe*. It was valued at the yearly Rent of 22 l. 19 s. 6 d. since which time its revenues are much increas'd, to the great advantage of him that hath it, and no less profit and reputation to the City, with the perpetual entailment of God's everlasting curse and blast, on the treacherous head and posterity of him, that is notoriously known to have been the Author of this mischief. He gave it this name from St. *Johns* in the *Savoy*, where he was Consecrated Bishop, after his return from beyond Sea, by *Richard* Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

Godwin

Cat. p. 364

*Bellots* Hospital was built by *Thomas Bellot* Esq; one of the Executors of the Lord *Cecil*, in the Time of K. *James*, of whom we shall treat more largely in the Chapter of the Church, to which he was an especial Benefactor.

As for the *Bimburies*, I can learn no more concerning it than this, That it was built by seven Sisters, who left this Hospital behind them as a monument to Posterity, both of their Charity and Name.

## CHAP. X.

*Of the Roman Antiquities in Bathe.*

**B**UT the greatest Argument of Antiquity the Place affords, I suppose to be the *Roman* Coins found in or near it, with the Inscriptions and Images in the Town or Borough Walls, the latter of which, to wit, the Inscriptions and Images, Mr. *Cambden* took notice of, and inserted into his *Britannia*.

To begin with the *Roman* Coins: The first I shall mention is that of *Vespasian*, made 1600 years since, this Emperour's Reign beginning *A. D.* 71. with this Circumscription on the Face-side: IMP. CAES. VESPASIAN. P. F. AUG. *Imperator Caesar Vespasianus, Pius, Felix, Augustus.* The Reverse; PIETAS AUGUSTI, with an Image between S. C. signifying *Senatus Consultum*. This is of Brass, and Communicated by Mr. *John Parker* of *Bathe*, where it was also found.

The second is of *Trajan*, made *A. D.* 101. the year this Emperour was 5th. time Consul; read thus: IMP. TRAIANO. AUG. GER. DAC. P. M. T R. P. *Imperator Trajano Augusto, Germanico, Dacico, Pontifici Maximo, Tribunitia potestate.* Reverse; COS. V. P. P. S. P. Q. R. OPTIMO PRINC. *Consuli quinto, Patri patrie Senatus Populusq; Romanus optimo Principi.* This is Silver, and was found at *Wrigleton* five miles off of *Bathe*, and given by Mr. *Hugh Ivy*, Rector there.

A third is of *Carausius*, who usurpt Empire in *Britain Anno Christi* 285. reigned seven years, was slain by *Alecius* who usurpt after him, and was himself killed by *Asclepiodotus præfectus Prætorio Anno* 295. The Circumscription thus: IMP. C. CARAUSIUS P. F. AUG. *Imperator, Cæsar Carausius, Pius, Felix, Augustus.* On the other side PAX. AUG. *Pax Augusti.* And underneath an Image M. L X X. denoting *Miles*, or *Milites Legionis vicesimæ*. A Souldier, or the Souldiers of the 20th. Legion, with B. E. on both sides of the Image signifying *Britannicus Exercitus*. \*

\* If M I.  
XX. as it  
rather  
seems, it  
may denote  
Miles, or  
Miliria  
vicesima.

The fourth is of *Constantine* the younger, made Cæsar together with *Licinius* and *Crispus* in *March, Anno Christi* 316. with these Letters round the Head: CONSTANTINUS IUN. NOB. C. *Constantinus Junior Nobilissimus Cæsar.* The Reverse a Palace, and PROVIDENTIAE CAESS. *Providentiæ Cæsarum.* It is the Palace in which he lived at *Triers*, expressed in the Letters underneath P. T R E. that is, *Pecunia Treviris.*

The fifth of *Alex. Sever.* A. D. 224. with this Inscription: IMP. C. M. AUR. SEV. ALEXAND. AUG. *Imperator Cæsar Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander Augustus.* The Reverse; P. M. T. R. P. II. COS. P. P. *Pontifex Maximus, Tribunitia potestate Secundo Consul, pater patriæ.* These three are Brass, and were found in *Bathe*, and given by Mr. *Parker.*

The sixth is a Coin of *Constantius* made *Anno Christi* 357. in *May*, when he kept his *Vicennialia*, as appears by *Votis XXX. Votis triginta, Multis XXXX. Multis quadraginta*, within a Wreath. On the Reverse; The Coin stampd at *Constantinople*, as is evident from the Letters P. CON. signifying *Pecunia Constantinopoli.* On the Face-side D N.

CONSTANTIUS P. F. AUG. *Dominus Constantius Pius, Felix, Augustus.* This is Silver, and was found in *Glocestershire*, not far hence, and given by Mr. *Edward Barnard*, a skilful Bone-setter at *Tedbury* in that County.

The seventh is a Brass piece of *Valentinian* the Second, who Reigned A.D. 375, with this Inscription on the face-side DN. VALENTINIANUS P. F. AUG, *Dominus Valentinianus Pius Felix Augustus.* The Reverse, *Victory* holding a Palm-branch in the left hand, and offering a Garland with the right; the Motto, SECURITAS REIPUBLICAE, and P.CON. *Pecunia Constantinopoli*, underneath.

The eighth is a Brass Coin of *Constantine* the Great, about the year of Christ 307, with this Inscription CONSTANTINO CAES. *Constantino Cesari.* Reverse, *Victory* with a Spear and Shield, only these letters under P. TRE. *Pecunia Treviris.* These two were the gift of that Worthy Gentleman *John Harington* Esquire, Grand-son to the Ingenious and Noble Sr. *John Harington* (of whom more in the Chapter of the Church) and were found in his own grounds at *Kelston*, three miles distant West of *Bathe*.

These are all the Coins I have met with yet of any value, among many others of none at all.

The Inscriptions and Images next succeed; and the first I take notice of is the nearest to the North-gate, being a Memorial of a *Roman* Senator, of the Colony of *Glocester*, a City built by the *Romans*, who also placed there a Colony called *Colonia Glouum*. The Inscription thus:

Cambd.  
Br.p.3.o.

DEC.



DEC. COLONAE  
GLEV. VIXT  
AN. LXXXVIII.

i. e. *Decurioni Coloniae Glevi. Vixit annos  
Octoginta octo.*

*Leafes folded in are at the East end of this In-  
scription. Fig. 13. A little lower more leafage not  
exprest.*

And whereas I render *Decurio* a Senator, I pitch on this signification of the word as most proper here, of which *Rosinus* gives this account: *Senatores in Coloniais, ut etiam in Municipiis, Decuriones vocabantur, eam ob causam, quod, Pomponio I. C. Authore, decima pars eorum qui deducerentur, sit solita Conscribi.* I know *Festus* mentions another and more usual signification of the word, to wit, an Officer over 10 Horsemen; *Decuriones*, inquit, *appellantur qui decem Equitibus praesunt.* Of which if any please to understand it, he shall have my leave.

*Ant. Rom.  
l. 10. c. 24.*

The next is a little Image about a foot and half in length, supposed by Mr. *Cambden* to be *Hercules*, bearing his left hand aloft, with a Club in his right. See Fig. 11.

Next to that lower, toward the West-gate, is the Monument of one of the Children of two Romans, *Primulus*, *Romulus*, *Vipomulus*, or rather *Veteromulus* (for that word in the stone is somewhat difficult to be read) and *Victisarina*, with a longer and exactly Roman Inscription, in a sepulchre Table,

b'le, between two little Images, whereof the one holds the Horn of *Amalthea*, or *Cornucopia*; the other bringeth a flying Rowl, or winding Lift or Banner over the left shoulder.

The Inscription thus :



D M  
SVCC.PETRONIAE.VIX  
ANN.II.M.III.D.IX.VERO  
MVLVS.F.VICTSARINA  
FIL.KAR.FEC.



This In-  
scription  
Cambden  
sent to  
Gruterus;  
and maybe  
seen in  
Grut. In-  
script.  
pag.DCC.  
fig.6.

*Diis Manibus Successæ Petroniæ, Vixit annos tres, menses quatuor, Dies Novem. Veteromulus & Victisarina filie Carissimæ fecerunt: i.e. To the Ghost of Successa Petronia, who lived three years, four months, and nine daies. Veteromulus and Victisarina, in memory of their dear Child, made this.*

A little after follow these Letters, in a Cut stone, very imperfect:

V R N.  
I O P.

In the outside of the Wall, pretty high, is a Head, which seems of no great moment. *Fig. 9.* And as for *Hercules* straining two Snakes, I cannot yet be so fortunate as to light upon it. *Fig. 14.*

Between the West and South-gates stand these Letters cross, which, by reason the stone is cut on both sides, are unaccountable:

III. VS. SA:

JS. VX. SC:

Then two fierce heads, one within the cope of the Wall, and another in the outside thereof hard by. *Fig. 7, 8.*

After that, these Letters standing overthwart, of which no sense can be made:

I L L A.

I L L A.

Near this place formerly was a Hare running (now lost) which might be the *Rebus* of a *Leporius* that set up this Monument. There were of that name in *Britain*, and it is now the name of the Honourable Family of my Lord of *Colerain*. *Fig. 15.*

An angry man laying hold of a poor Peasant, which may be a bold insulting *Roman*, on a poor distressed captivated *Britan*. *See Fig. 6.*

*Leafage, with leafs folded in, Fig. 5.*

Two kissing and clipping each other, which by the Crook in the right hand of one, and the Dog upon the other, seem to be a Shepherd and his Mi-

strefs; the Dog reaching up towards the head of the Woman. See Fig.4.

A Foot Souldier brandishing his Sword, and bearing out his Shield. Fig.3.

A Footman with a Truncheon in his right hand. Fig.2.

A great Face, or a Giants Head, with hair. Fig.1.

As for *Medusa's* head all Snakes, I cannot, on the best enquiry I can make, find it out. See Fig.10.

Neither doth *Ophiuchus* occur to me. 'Tis therefore, I believe, lost in the alteration of the Wall, as the Hare, and *Medusa's* head mentioned before. See Fig.12.

At *Walcot*, a Parish adjoyning to the City, was found a stone with this Inscription :

VIBIA IVCVND A

H, S. E.

i.e. Here lies Vibia Jucunda.

*Jucunda* was an *Agnomen* of the Family *Carvilia*, and it seems of *Vibia*, as *Lætus* of the *Claudia* and *Pomponia*.

In

In *Bathe* also might be seen this Inscription,  
On *Henry Coriat*.

MORTUUS. HIC. ET. SEPULTUS. JACET.  
BIPEDUM. NEQUISSIMUS. *H. C.* IMPIE-  
TATE. ARROGANTIA. LOQUACITATE.  
IMPUDENTIA. FASTU. ET. FRAUDE.  
NULLI. SECUNDUS. MALUS. PARENS.  
GÜBERNATOR. PEJOR. CIVIS. PESSI-  
MUS. QUI. POSTQUAM. LX. ANNORUM.  
CURRICULUM. RAPINIS. ET. LITIBUS.  
ARMATUS. ET. INERMIS. LONGANI-  
MITATE. DEI. MAXIMA. TRANSEGIS-  
SET. PAUPERUM. PTOCHOTROPHII.  
S. JOANNIS. BATHONENSIS. ALIMON-  
IAM. IN. ALTERIUS. MANUS. PERFIDE.  
DEDISSET. ET. FISCUM. CIVITATIS.  
PUBLICUM. IN. PRIVATOS. USUS. CON-  
VERTISSET. INTER. ALIORUM. ODI-  
UM. CONSANGUINEORUM. MISERI-  
CORDIAM. SINE. PLANCTU. ET. LA-  
CHRYMIS. A. NEMINE. DESIDERATUS.  
EX. HAC. VITA. MIGRAVIT. IN. VENTU-  
RAM. UT. POENAS. AEQUALI. IMPU-  
DENTIA. SUSTINEAT. AETERNAS.  
NISI. EIDEM. SUCCURRAT. QUOD.  
MINIME. SPERANDUM. SALUS. ALTIS-  
SIMI. QUAE. ILLUM. QUIDEM. IPSA.  
NON. POTUIT. SALVARE.

Lastly, There are two fair Inscriptions, in two  
Grave-stones, erected in the North wall of a Gar-  
den



den by the Cross Bath, belonging to Mrs. *Crofts*, preserved by Mr. *Robert Chambers*, Father to Dr. *Humphry Chambers*, born in this City, between which, *Robert Chambers* hath this Inscription, which preserveth him as he has done the other two.

HEC. MONUMEN. VIO  
LATA. SVLCIS. IN. CA  
MP. DE. WALCOT, R.C.  
CVLTOR. ANTIQ. HVC.  
TRANSTVLIT. ANO.  
VER. INCAR. 1592.

The Inscription on the East of this, is an Epitaph of *Caius Murrius*, of the Tribe called *Arniensis*, the 25<sup>th</sup>. Tribe among the *Romans* (so called from *Arnus* a River in *Tuscany*, as *Carolus Sigonius*, and *Onuphrius Panvinus* relate,) born at *Friuli*, or *Forum Julium*, a modest Souldier of the Second Legion called, *Adjutrix pia felix*, under the Command of *Julius Secundus*, 25 years of age; how long in pay is broken out of the Stone, but, I suppose, eight. The Inscription as follows:

C. M V R R I V S.  
C.F. ARNIENSIS  
FORO. IVLI. MO  
DESTVS. MIL.  
LEG. II. AD. P. F.  
IVLI. SECVNDI.  
AN. XXV. STIP.

H. S.

*Caius Murrius, Caii filius, Arniensis, Foro-Julien-  
sis, Modestus Miles Legionis Secundae, adjutricis  
piae, felicitis Julii Secundi, Annæ Viginti quinque,  
Stipendio octo, Hic situs est.*

The

The other on the West is an Epitaph of *Marcus Valerius* a Latin (as I read, Mr. *Cambden Eatinus*, it seems to be an *Agnomen*) a Souldier of *Augustus* his Legion ( or the 20th. ) 35 years of age, and 20 years in pay.

The true Copy thus:

DIS MANIBUS  
M. VALERIUS. M.  
FIL. LATINUS. C. EQ.  
MILES. LEG. XX. AN.  
XXV. STIPEN. XX.  
H. S. E.

i.e. *Dis Manibus. Marcus Valerius Marci filius Latinus Coh. Equitum Miles legionis Augustæ (aut vicesimæ) annis triginta quinque, Stipendio viginti, Hic situs est.*

Where it may be noted, that this man was admitted at 15 years of age, when the usual time of lifting Souldiers was not till 17.

*Al. ab. Al.  
Gen. Dier,  
l. i. c. 20.*

*Ophiuchus, Hercules* straining two Snakes, *Mедуза's* head, and the Hare, are lost. *Vid. Fig. 10. 12. 14, 15.*

CHAP.

## CHAP. XI.

*Of the Church of St. Peter and Paul  
in Bathe.*

Concerning that neat and curious fabrick, the Church of *St. Peter and Paul*, commonly called the Abbey Church in *Bathe*, I need not give any other account, than what *Sr. John Harington*, a neighbouring Knight, whose good will to this Church and City did rival the acuteness of his Wit and Learning, being both very great, hath done sometime since, in a Latin Poem writ and spoken to *Bishop Mountague*, at his first Visitation and sight of the Church, then uncover'd. The Manuscript Copy found in *Sr. John's Study*, and Communicated by his Grand-son, *John Harington* of *Kelston*, Esquire, hath this Title; *Conditiones variæ Ecclesiæ Sancti Petri & Pauli Bathoniensis, à primis fundamentis jactis Anno 775, ad annum decurrentem 1609, Historico-poetica ἐξήγησις; deque felicissima ejusdem Ecclesiæ restauratione, Vaticinium. Ad Reverendissimum in Christo Patrem, Jacobum, providentiâ divinâ, dignissimum Ecclesiæ Bathoniensis, & Wellensis, Episcopum, Bathoniam primò feliciter invisentem & Visitantem.*

The

## The Poem.

**M** Aſce : bonis avibus, recidivi limina Templi,  
 In Chriſto Reverende Pater, gratiſſimus intras.  
 Maſce: ſed haud pigeat prius, æqua mente, parumper  
 Priſtina Delubri perpendere fata miſelli.

Temporis Elapſi ſtudio monumenta revolvens  
 Attento, invenies, hujus fundamina templi  
 Prima Offam, priſcum regem, jeciſſe : Secunda  
 Elphegum, regni Primatem, tertia tandem  
 (Cum duo Danorum rabies, igniſque, priora

Historia.

An. 775.

1010.

10 Vaſtaſet ) Sumptu poſuit majore Johannes

De villa, natus Gallus, non infimus artis

1088.

Profeſſor medicæ; Wellenſi ingrator ædi;

Qui quàm illic variis vigniſſet Episcopuſ annis

Sedem, Thermopolim, Cathedralẽ tranſtulit illinc,

Urbe hac quingentiſ Marcis, à Rege coempta.

Pulchrius antiquis fanum conſtruxit; at ipſum

Ævo, Combuiſit pariter Joviſ ira, ſequenti.

Struẽtorem Celebris miſit Normannia, quartum

Officio Monachum, Rodbertum nomine, molem

1137.

20 Subverſam toties qui reſtauravit, & inter

Preſbyteros, litem, de Sedis honore, diremit,

Exornans titulis utramque æqualibus urbem.

Tandem, poſt ſeriem numeroſam, munificamque,

Inſignis præſul pietate, viceſimus atque

Tertiuſ, hunc ſequitur, qui fauſtum nominis omen

Exprefſit faciis, Oliver King dictuſ; Olivam

1495.

Et Regem vere referebat: adinſtar Olive

Paciſ erat populo, ſimul ubertatiſ & author;

At magis hoc retulit, regali munere, regem,

30 Quippe opus incultum Rodberti ſuſtulit: atqui

Illiuſ, extemplo, vice fundamenta locavit

Iſta;

*Ista ; dedit Solidis speciosa pteromata muris.  
 Tecta superstruxit sublimibus alta columnis.  
 Areolas Soleis longas substravit & amplas.  
 Omnia, ad hanc pulchram, structurus cetera, formam,  
 Et spoliis, dubio procul, instructurus, opimis,  
 Morte immortales, subito est arreptus, ad arces.  
 (Tanta molis erat tam clarum condere Templum!)  
 Ne tamen his tantis perfectio debita captis*

40 *Deforet, huic operi colophonem attexuit almus  
 Abbatie Rector Gulielmus Birdus. At eben  
 Sanctis stare diu, fatis (proh fata) negatum est!  
 Horrida de innocuis fertur sententia fanis;  
 Abbatie pereunt, spoliantur Tempia, rapinis  
 Tecta patent, reditus, fundi, sacraria: quid non?  
 (Unde nefas tantum Zeli fautoribus?) una.  
 Ipse, vel in cunis, insons discerpitur infans.  
 Impete diripitur violento hæc fabrica; prostant  
 Saxa, vitrum, plumbi, Campanæ, ac omnia præter*

50 *Hoc miserum σκαλετόν. Tante at quæ causa ruinae?  
 Num pietatis amor? vel amor sceleratus habendi?  
 Hic amor exitio est Templis, Templiq; ministris.  
 Hic amor extinxit clarissima lumina regni;  
 Nec finit hic amor hæc extincta resumere lucem.  
 Nemo bonum Templi, Templi bona quisq; requirit.  
 Hinc hæc, Cimmeriis, per tot, tam turpiter, annos,  
 Maxima lux Urbis, latuit suppressa, tenebris.  
 Sed pater omni-bonus, cui provida cura suorum est,  
 Hanc piceam, nuper, cælesti lampade, noctem*

60 *Diffulit è multis Sanctorum cordibus, unde  
 Accendere suo nostrum de Lumine lumen.  
 Sic tamen ut quivis magis hinc sibi luceat ipsi  
 Ut tacito ad præsens reliquo veneremur honore,  
 Vivida quas totum celebrabit fama per orbem;  
 Nobile Bellotti Sidus sic emicat, omnes  
 Inter nutritios Templorum jure colendos,  
 Plena velut Stellis præfulget luna minutis.*

*Singula*



- Singula quæ cervis pulchræ ornamenta Capellæ,  
 Area, porta, solum, subsellia, rostra, fenestræ,  
 70 Bellottum unanimes compellant voces parentem.  
 Bellottum Sonitu reboat Campana Sonoro,  
 Πρωτογονία sonant Bellottum, Balnea, Vici,  
 Compita, Bellotti jactant ad sidera nomen.  
 Quod Christi est cultor, simul excultorq; sacrorum.*

## VATICINIUM.

- Desine plura: sat est veterum: peragenda peractis  
 Succedant, meliora bonis, majora minutis.  
 Auspiciis huc misse sacris (Sanctissime Præsul)  
 Sensibus hæc imis superum consulta repone,  
 Quæ Tibi fatidico dispendit carmine Vates,  
 80 Leta ruinoso proclamans omnia Templo.  
 Quo decet hanc spectâ, vultu, sine nube, sereno  
 Fecundam laudum segetem sine fine Tuarum.  
 Molliter ossa cubent Offæ, ac Elphegi, Oliveri,  
 Rodberti, ac Birdi: merito celebrentur honore.  
 Debita Bellotto reddatur palma benigno.  
 Perpius extento Bellottus floreat ævo.  
 Non equidem invideo, lætor mage: gratulor illi.  
 Quod si tam celebrem mereatur guttula laudem,  
 Præmia quæ referet, largos qui funditat imbres?  
 90 Tantum at honorifico cedes, Bellotte, Jacobo,  
 Effuso tenuis quantum imbri guttula cedit.  
 Bellotti guttis rorata Capella virescit;  
 Imbribus assiduis divi madefacta Jacobi,  
 Integra quam latos diffundent Tempia racemos?  
 Nec tamen hæc aqueo, vitis cupit, imbre rigari:  
 Aureolo hanc Danaem Saturabis, Jupiter, imbre.  
 Hinc quæ spreta diu languenti Ecclesia morbo  
 Intabuit; vitam, Te, Te medicante, resumit,  
 Ut redit infuso flaccescens Vena Lyæo.*

Hujus

100 *Hujus sint alii fautores, sidera, fani:*

*Cynthia Bellottus; solus Tu q̄iβ Apollo.*

*Hæc Tu vivifico reparabis membra calore:*

*Hæc Tu magnifico decorabis Tecta nitore.*

*Aspice surgenti latentur ut omnia Templo?*

*Grande vum videor mihi prospiciare Jacobum,*

*Aspectus Virtute Tui, torpore solutum,*

*Atq; reornato scandentem climace Cælos.*

*Ut renovat vires? ut concipit æthera mente?*

*Insuper alatos, ultro citroq; meantes*

110 *Cælicolas video, bona climacteribus istis*

*Nuncia portantes Superis: ac gaudia divum*

*Inde renarrantes terris de Præsule tanto,*

*Teq; cohortantes, (propria sat sponte citatum)*

*Euge: opus hoc miræ pietatis perfice Præsul!*

*Te nempe ad decus hoc peperit Natura; replevit*

*Dotibus eximiis Deus: Ars perfecta polivit:*

*In gremio refovet ter magni gratia regis:*

*Ditavitq; \* bonis, tanta ad molimina, natis.*

*Huc opulenta Tibi sua fundit viscera Tellus,*

120 *Huc Tua Te Virtus, sorte ancillante, propellit.*

*Euge: opus hoc miræ pietatis perfice Præsul!*

*Aggredere æternos (servit Tibi tempus) honores.*

*His petitur Cælum scalis, hac itur ad astra.*

*Nec mora: fervet opus. Structor, Lapidida, peritus*

*Gypsator, Sculptor, Fusor, Vitrarius: omnes*

*Artifices instant ardentes. Mania surgunt,*

*Dissita quæ fuerant loca concamerantur Erisimis;*

*Extima plumbofo velantur tegmine, pulchris*

*Intima celantur laquearibus: omnia miris*

130 *Sunt decorata modis: respondent omnia votis.*

*Nec deerunt Mystæ, celebrent qui sacra, frequentes:*

*Sed numerosa brevi totam quæ compleat ædem*

*Pompa Sacerdotum, Psalmorumq; decano*

*Præducente chorum, cantabit grata Jehovah*

*Cantica, tantorum fonti, authoriq; bonorum.*

*Hæc*

\* Plumbi  
fodinæ  
in agro  
Mendi-  
pensi.

*Hec mihi præfagit mens non ignara futuri.  
 Corpore (quis neget hoc?) specioso hæc Tempia Ja-  
 Donavit Præful, (pia na mdecreta proborum) cobus  
 Æquivalent factis) animum Rex ipse Jacobus  
 140 (Hoc quoq; quis dubitat?) tribuet. Deus alme Jacobi  
 Decretis benedic factisq; utriusq; Jacobi.  
 O fortunatam nimium bona si Tua nôris  
 Thermopolim, tali frueris quæ Præsule, Rege!  
 Funde Deo summas ex imo pectore grates,  
 Et cole perpetuo pietatis honore Jacobos.  
 Quo pede cæpisti, Præful Sanctissime, pergas.*

## Episcopi Responsio.

*Cupivi diu, has ruinas, & hæc rudera videre &  
 contemplari; has vero ruinas & hæc rudera videre,  
 & contemplari, jam dolet: Ingrediar tamen, sed hoc  
 animo, ut nunquam, hoc more, sim reingressurus,  
 priusquam isthæc melius teëta videro.*

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The

## The Translation.

A N

HISTORICO-POETICAL ACCOUNT

*Of the various state of the Church of St. Peter  
and Paul in Bathe, from its first foundation, in  
the Year 775, to this present Year 1609.*

A L S O,

*A PROPHECIE of the happy Restau-  
ration of the same Church.*

W Elcome, Right Reverend, to this place,  
Invited both by Heart and Face ;  
Enter ; but first let me relate  
This ruin'd Churches former fate.

An. 775. If ancient Monuments you turn over,  
King *Offa* first you will discover

To found a Temple in this Place,  
1010. Arch-Bishop *Elphege* next his Grace ;  
The third ( when *Danish* rage and fire

1088. To ruine both these did conspire)  
With greater cost *John* clep'd *de Villa*,  
A French man born, but, silly fellow,

\* *Usu, non  
Literis,  
Medicus  
probatu.  
G. Malm.*

\* Profess the Art, if stories true.  
The Grounds of which he never knew.  
This man at *Wells* did take a pett,  
And many years did Bishop sitt ;

But

But once in rage remov'd his See,  
And caus'd it here in *Bathe* to be.

Five hundred Mark the City cost

20 The Bishop from the King, at most.

Where he a neater Pile did raise,  
Which did not long proclaim his praise ;  
For God not pleas'd with him that quackt,  
Made Sacrifice his Pious act.

Brave *Normandy* a Fourth sent,  
Monk *Robert*, who with good Intent  
This ruin'd Fabrick did repair,  
Compos'd the strife about the Chair ;  
Caus'd his Successors, story tells,

30 To bear the Name of *Bathe* and *Wells*.

At length, when Benefactors store  
Had grac'd this Church where we adore,  
The Three and twentieth Bishop came,  
Who minded by his Lucky name,  
*Oliver King*, could do no less  
Than King and Olive both express.  
Like Olive, peace and plenty great,  
Were products of this Bishops Seat ;  
But, to say Truth, in this grand thing,

An. 1137.

40 He did resemble more a King :

*Roberts* attempt away he took,  
And rais'd this Church on which you look ;  
Strong Walls, fine Buttresses, the Roof,  
With stately Pillars bearing proof :  
Made Walks and Isles both long and fair :  
In short, this handsom Pile did rear ;  
And doubtless it was his Intent,  
(But sudden death did him prevent)  
To have endow'd this Church with Lands,

50 (He must obey, when God Commands.)

So great a task it was, I wis,  
To build so fine a Church as this !

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Now



† William  
Bird, the  
last Prior  
of Bathe.

Now left the Work at stay should stand,  
Good Prior † Bird put his last hand,  
He finisht, with his cost, the Thing,  
And found some work after a King.

*In the South side of the Chappel, outward, is a Memorial of his Name, a W. and a Bird in Stone, with his Coat of Arms in the Chappel built by himself, and called, after him, Bird's Chappel. He was not buried here, but died very poor, having been blind for some time, and given much to Chymistry, while Prior here. See Mr. Assem. Theatr. Chym. Brit. p. 475, in Annot.*

But, Oh the fate of what is holy !  
And, Oh the mad Religious folly !  
Nothing that Sacred is must hold,  
60 And men with Temples must make bold ;  
Abbeys are ruin'd, Churches sackt,  
Roofs fold, and Rents are more than rackt ;  
Deluge of Sacriledge ! what not ?  
Have Zealots thus their God forgot ?  
This innocent Chrysom's boxt about ,  
And torn in its Swadling-clout :  
The Fabrick's spoil'd, they sell the Stones,  
Glas, Lead, Bells, all except these Bones ;  
Of this great Spoil, what was the cause ?  
70 Was't love of Mony, or God's Laws ?  
'Tis that hath ruin'd Church and Priest,  
And laid our greatest Heads to rest.  
'Tis that extinguisht, and keeps out  
The Lights, that erst shone all about.  
None seek the Churches good, but all  
What they steal from it, their own call ;  
Hence in the darkest blackest night,  
Hath lodg'd the Cities greatest light.  
But our good God, who loves his own,  
80 This pitchy storm away hath blown,  
And with his heavenly Lamp dispell'd,  
The Chains of darkness which us held,

So that we now beholding are  
 To them for light they to us spare ;  
 Yet so as each hath light enough  
 To give due praise without a snuff,  
 To whom deserts shall gain a Name,  
 And spread or'e all the World a fame.

- So far hath *Bellot's* Star outshin'd  
 90 Whoever hath to Church been kind ,  
 As doth full-Moon, in Starry night,  
 Exceed the lesser Torch'es light.  
 The Chappel ornaments, the Floor,  
 The Benches, Windows, Seats and Door,  
 Call *Bellot* Father ; and the Bell  
 Rings *Bellot*, though it ring a Knell.  
 Hospitals, Baths, Streets and High-waies,  
 Sound out the Noble *Bellot's* praise,  
 'Cause he was Pious, and hath given  
 100 Much, whose Reward shall be in heaven.

Thomas  
*Bellot*  
*Esq; one of*  
*the Execu-*  
*tors of W.*  
*Lord*  
*Burghly,*  
*sometime*  
*Lord Treas-*  
*urer of*  
*England.*

### THE PROPHECIE.

Forbear my Muse ; change now thy Text,  
 Come to things greater, better next.  
 Enough of old things : now succeeds  
 A good supply to former Deeds.

- Thou, Reverend Prelate, sent to us  
 By God Almighty's *Mittimus*,  
 Consider deeply what he saies  
 To thee, through my Prophetick bays,  
 Wishing this Church no other ill,  
 110 Than to be built, and flourish still.  
 View with clear aspect from the top,  
 Your endless Praises fruitful crop.  
 Let *Offa*, *Elphege*, *Oliver*, rest  
*Robert* and *Bird* in Honours nest.

## Of the Abbey Church Chap. XI.

Let bounteous *Bellot* take the Palm,  
 And after Age his Name embalm,  
 I envy not, but more rejoyce,  
 And give him too my thankful Voice.  
 If to a drop this Laud be due,

120 What's to a greater stock, think you ?  
 He well deserves a grateful sense  
 That shows down Benevolence.

*Bellot* alone to *James* gives way,  
 Diff'ring as drop and show'r may.  
*Bellot's* drops make the Chappel thrive,  
 When *James* divine long shows shall give,  
 How'll all the Fabrick sprouting live ?

This Vine loves not a Watery show'r ;  
 Gold into *Danaë* Jove will pour,  
 130 So that this Church that long hath been  
 Consumptive, by thy skill agen  
 Gets strength, as the flagg'd vein plumps up  
 And swells, with *Bacchus* cheerful cup.

Others this Church may somewhat feed,  
*Bellot's* the Moon, You Sun indeed :  
 With lively rays these limbs restore,  
 Thy Roof you'll nobly cover o're.

Behold ! how all things now are glad,  
 Old *Jacob* wakes, and as a Lad  
 140 Enliven'd by Your presence here,  
 Ascends the Ladder quick and clear ;  
 Look how he mounts, striving to rise.  
 And makes with vigour to the skies ?

Methinks, I see the Winged host  
 Of their new Message seem to boast,  
 Telling the news above, and then  
 Returning with Gods Joy to men:  
 And quickning you, though quick before,  
 Compleat this work we You implore.

150 Nature hath bred you for this end ;  
 To this God's great endowments tend.  
 Art you hath wrought, the King embraces,  
 Who seldom doth misplace his Graces.  
 And you hath aptly given a \* Mine,  
 Prepared for this great design :  
 The Earth her bowels op's to you,  
 And your good Nature prompts you too.  
 Finish the work, Time serves, *My Lord*,  
 Which will eternal praise afford.

\* *The Lead  
 Mines of  
 Mendip.*

160 This way you will to Heaven climbe,  
 And to the Stars your self sublime.

*Præstè*, The work advances, all  
 The Labouring men are come at call ;  
 Builder, Stone-cutter, Plaisterer,  
 Graver, Bell-founder, Glazier,  
 All busie. Walls are up ; The space  
 That common was, Arches embrace.  
 The outside's leaded, Roof adorn'd,  
 And all things to my wish perform'd.

170 Nor will there wanting be a Quire,  
 Which to this place may all retire,  
 And with resort, and their own Train  
 Fill this whole Temple once again.  
 Priests in their habits, Singers, and  
 A Dean the Quire to command :  
 Will Anthems sing to God above,  
 And praise the Fountain head, his love.  
 My mind perswades me this will be,  
 And I can at some distance see.

180 The Prelate *James* (none can deny)  
 Hath given a Body large and high,  
 (For those things that good men decree  
 Are equal with their deeds to me)  
 A Soul King *James* (who can this doubt ?)  
 Will add, to make this compound out.

Now *Jacob's* God bleſs *James's* twain,  
 Their Actions and Intents maintain !  
 O happy *Bathe*, if thou didſt know  
 From whence thy happineſs doth flow !  
 190 A King and Biſhop now thou haſt,  
 Ne'r yet outdone in Ages paſt ;  
 Give Thanks to God with all thy heart,  
 And Honour to both *James* impart.  
*Proceed, Moſt Worthy Prelate, in*  
*The Thing you did ſo well begin.*

### The Biſhop's Answer.

*I have long deſired to ſee and contemplate theſe Ruines and Rubbiſh ; and now it grieves me to behold Them : However, I will enter, but with this intent, never to re-enter till I ſee them better cover'd.*

For a fuller confirmation of the precedent particulars, I think fit to insert in this place an extract out of an ancient Record, now in the house of my Honoured friend *Edward Coſin* Eſquire, whoſe genius inclining him to the ſtudy of Antiquity, hath collected, and communicated it to me.

*Johannes de Villula*, the 16th. Biſhop of *Wells*, having bought the Town of *Bathe* of King *Henry* the Firſt for five hundred Marks, transferred his Seat unto that City, 1088. Hence grew a jar between the Monks of *Bathe* and Canons of *Wells*, about the Election of the Biſhop. At laſt the difference was compoſed by that Biſhop *Robert* whom before I ſpoke of: *That* from thence forward the Biſhop ſhould be nominated from both places, and that precedency in the ſtyle ſhould be given to *Bathe*. *That* in the Vacancy of the See, a great number of  
 Dele-



Delegates from both Churches should elect their Prelate, who being elected should be installed in them both: *both* of them to be reckon'd as the Bishops Chapter, and the Grants and Patents confirmed in both. And so it stood until the reign of King *Henry* the Eighth; what time the Monastery of *Bathe* being dissolved, there passed an Act of Parliament for the Dean and Chapter of *Wells*, to make one sole Chapter for the Bishop, A. 35. H. 8. c. 15. *Thus far Mr. Cosin.*

The Church that now is, was first begun A. D. 1137. by *Oliver King* Doctor of Laws, of Kings Colledge in *Cambridge*, Principal Secretary to three Monarchs of this Land, *Edward* the fourth, *Edward* the fifth, and *Henry* the seventh; Register of the Knights of the Garter, Bishop of *Exeter*, and thence translated hither *Novemb. 6. 1495.* died 24th. of *Jan. 1503*, and is thought to lie buried at *Windsor*, where he was sometime Canon. It was four hundred seventy five years before it was compleated and brought to perfection (having made many halts by the way) and was finisht about the middle of King *James's* Reign, near A. D. 1612, as by the Munificence of Noblemen, Knights, Gentlemen and others, so especially by the liberal hand of the Learned Dr. *James Mountague* Bishop of this Diocess, to whom the former Poem was directed, who at one time gave a thousand pounds towards its Reparation, and lies buried, by his own appointment under a fair Marble Monument, in the body of the Church, deceased *July 20. 1618*, with this elegant Epitaph on the South-side:

MEMORIÆ SACRUM  
 PIETATE VIRTUTE ET DOCTRINA  
 INSIGNIS *JACOBUS MONTACUTUS*  
 EDVARDI MONTACUTI DE BOUGH-  
 TON IN COMITATU NORTHAMTO-  
 NIÆ EQUITIS AURATI A SAR. CO-  
 MITIBUS DEDUCTA PROPAGINE FI-  
 LIUS QUINTOGENITUS A SAPIENTIS-  
 SIMO *JACOBO* REGE SACELLO RE-  
 GIO DECANUS PRÆPOSITUS AD  
 EPISCOPATUM BATHONIENSEM  
 PROMOTUS ET DEINDE AD WIN-  
 TONIENSEM OB SPECTATAM IN  
 MAXIMIS NEGOTIIS FIDEM DEXTE-  
 RITATEM ET PRUDENTIAM IN  
 SANCTIUS CONCILIUM ADSCITUS  
 REGIQUE CUI CHARISSIMUS ERAT  
 IN AULA ASSIDUUS IN MEDIO AC-  
 TUOSÆ VITÆ CURSU QUAM DEO  
 ECCLESIAE ET PATRIÆ DEVOVERAT  
 AD ÆTERNAM VITAM EVOCATUS  
 20. JULII ANNO DOMINI 1618.  
 Æ T A T I S 50.

Sacred to Memory.

*For Piety, Vertue and Learning, very eminent, James Montague, fifth Son of Sr. Edward Montague, of Boughton, in the County of Northampton, Knight, lineally descended from the Earls of Salisbury, by the most wise King James made Dean of the Chappel, then Bishop of Bathe, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, and for his faithfulness, dexterity and prudence in weighty affairs, chosen one of the Privy Council, and*

*and very much at Court, being in great favour with the King: In the midst of a busie life, which he had devoted to God, the Church, and Country, was summoned to life everlasting, 20 July 1618, in the 50th. year of his age.*

On the North side, this Inscription.

REVERENDISSIMUS HIC EPISCOPUS  
IN HOC TEMPLO ANTIQUISSIMO  
QUOD INTER ALIA MULTA EGREGIA  
PIETATIS MONUMENTA MAXIMIS  
IMPENSIS INSTAURAVIT CORPUS  
DEPONI JUSSIT DONEC CHRISTO  
REDEMPTORI VIDEBITUR EUM CUM  
JUSTIS AD INTERMINATAM VITAM  
QUAM IN TERRIS SEMPER ANHE-  
LAVIT EXCITARE EDVARDUS  
MONTACUTUS DE BOUGHTON  
HENRICUS MONTACUTUS CAPITALIS  
IN BANCO REGIO JUSTITIARIUS  
CAROLUS MONTACUTUS TESTA-  
MENTI CURATOR ET SIDNEIUS  
MONTACUTUS A SUPPLICUM LI-  
BELLIS EQUITES AURATI FRATRI  
OPTIME MERITO CUM LACHRIMIS  
POSUERUNT.

*In this most Ancient Church, which, among many other Monuments of Piety, with great charge, he repaired; This most Reverend Bishop commanded his Body to be laid, until Christ the Redeemer shall please to raise him, with the Just, to life eternal, which, when on Earth, he earnestly desired.*

Sir

*Sir Edward Mountague of Boughton, Sir Henry Mountague Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench, Sir Charles Mountague his Executor, and Sir Sidney Mountague Master of the Requests, Knights, to their most deserving Brother, in much sorrow, erected this Monument.*

*Br. View,*  
*See. p 101,*  
*102, 103.* Concerning *Oliver King*, the founder of this Church, *Sr. John Harington* tells this pretty story: That lying at *Bathe*, and musing or meditating one night late, after his Devotions and Prayers for the prosperity of *Henry the Seventh* and his Children (who were then all or most part living) to which King he was Principal Secretary, and by him preferred to this Bishoprick; he saw, or supposed he saw a Vision of the holy Trinity, with Angels ascending and descending by a Ladder, near to which there was a fair Olive Tree supporting a Crown, and a voice said, *Let an Olive establish the Crown, and let a King restore the Church.* Of this Dream or Vision he took exceeding great comfort, and told it divers of his friends, applying it to the King his Master in part, and some part to himself. To his Master, because the *Olive* being the Emblem or Hieroglyphick of *Peace* and *Plenty* seemed to him to allude to King *Henry the Seventh*, who was worthily counted the wisest and most peaceable King in all Europe of that age. To himself (for the wisest will flatter themselves sometimes) because he was not only a chief Counsellour to this King, and had been his Ambassadour to conclude a most Honourable Peace with *Charles the Eighth*, who paid, as *Holinshed* writeth, 745 Duckets, besides a yearly Tribute of 25000 Crowns, but also he carried both the *Olive* and *King* in his Name; and therefore thought he was specially designed for this

this Church-work , to the advancement of which, he had an extraordinary inclination. Thus though (as *St. Thomas of Aquin* well noteth ) all Dreams, be they never so sensible , will be found to halt in some part of their coherence: yet most certain it is, for the time, he was so transported with his Dream, that he presently set in hand with this Church, and at the West end thereof he caused a Representation to be graved of this Vision of the Trinity, the Angels and the Ladder ; and on the North side the Olive and Crown, with certain *French* words ( which I could not read ) but in *English* is this verse taken out of the book of *Judges*, chap.9.

*Trees going to chese their King,  
Said, be to us the Olive King.*

All which is so curiously cut and carved , as in the West part of *England* is no better work , than in the West end of this poor Church. And to make the credit of all this more authentick , he added this word to it , *De sursum est, It is from on high.* Thus much the Stones and Walls (though dumb witnessses, yet credible) do plainly testifie.

Thus far that Learned Knight, and Great Well-wisher to this Church; where it may be noted, that the Olive and Crown are on both sides of the Church , North and South , with an Elephant on each side of the Olive crown'd ; and the words *Sr. John* saies he could not read , are not French, but Latin , being the old Translation of the English writ on both Pillars, of either side, in good Text hand, though now not so legible , above the English in this manner:

*Ierunt*



*Ierunt ligna ut ungerent super se Regem,  
Dixeruntque Olive Impera nobis.  
Trees going to chese their King,  
Said, Be to us the Oliver King.*

Which gave occasion to some in the late Times to take it for a Propheſie, but was intended nothing more than to preſerve the Memory of the Biſhop that was Founder.

## CHAP. XII.

### *Of the Baths of Bathe.*

Concerning the Nature, Uſe and Virtues of the Baths, I purpoſe, if God permit, to write a large and particular Account, in a Juſt Treatiſe on that Subject, conſonant to my own Principles, which for the greater Credit of this Nation and Place (nothing having ever been before attempted in this kind) ſhall be in the general Language; the deſign of which I have expreſſed Chap. 7. For I well remember what I writ in my Appendix, ſeven years ago, in theſe words: *I come now to ſpeak ſomething of the Nature, Uſe and Virtues of the Baths. And here it cannot be expected I ſhould ſay much, becauſe my Experience of them as yet hath been but little, and the Obſervations I have made ſeem fitter, as they are intended, for a foundation to a greater Work, which Time and Variety of Experiments muſt compleat, than at preſent to be Communicated to the Publick. And to make ſome compenſation for my Brevity in this Thing,*

*Thing, which is justly deemed the most material of all other, I shall take the boldness to engage, as soon as Time and Opportunity shall permit, to make a thorough search into the Cause of the Heat, Nature, and Efficacious Operations of the Baths, and perhaps give a more satisfactory Account of the former, than hath yet been given by any; and for the latter, I shall not build on the Hay and Stubble of the Talk and Relations of persons byast and concern'd, but on the solid basis of Reason, Observation, and Experience. And again, the last words: But I hope I may be excused on the score of my former Engagement, if I am not more particular at this time in things of this nature, till a just amassment of Observations and Experiments, and a rational deduction of Conclusions from them, which I hope in some time to accomplish, shall either confirm me in the opinion I now have of the Nature and Virtues of the Baths of Bathe, or supply me with a better.*

Having, I say, intended a Piece of this nature, and also published many Particulars relating to this Affair, in the ensuing Century of Observations, which I now make publick, as a Specimen of my way of procedure, and ground-work or foundation of my next Superstructure, I shall content my self at present with some few Remarks.

The Baths then in some Things do agree; in others are different.

They agree in this, That though chiefly three in number, the King's, Cross, and Hot (the Queen's being but an Appendent to the King's, as the Leper's to the Hot) yet they all participate of the same Minerals, only the Hot Bath, if some of my Observations hold, hath something more than the King's, or Cross, both which as to the particulars, and particular proportions, in a Hoghead, Gallon,  
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and Pint, are much the same, and what is defective in one Ingredient in one Bath, is made up by another, in the other. So that herein the wonderful Contrivance of the Almighty hath appeared, in making so fine a Composition of such various Ingredients, and acted (with Reverence be it spoken) not only the Physician, but the Apothecary too, a good example and precedent for his Creatures to follow, who have liv'd to see that unhappy day, wherein a blear-ey'd *Leah* hath been advanc'd, though with shame and destruction too, above a legitimate *Rachel*.

They differ chiefly in Dimension, and degree of Heat.

In Dimension; The King's Bath being 57 foot, or 19 yards, 10 inches, long; 40 foot, 8 inches, or 13 yards  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 inches in breadth.

The Queen's, 8 yards, or 24 foot, 2 inches, in breadth; in length 25 foot, 4 inches; or 8 yards, 16 inches.

The Cross Bath, 24 foot; or 8 yards, 6 inches long; 19 foot 11 inches, or 6 yards  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 inches over Northward; 12 foot, or 4 yards, 7 inches over on the South.

The Hot Bath, 10 yards 8 inches  $\frac{1}{2}$  long; 4 yards 13 inches  $\frac{1}{2}$  broad South; 4 yards  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 inches over North.

From this undeniably is deduc'd that they differ in the Water they contain; for being of different dimensions, the greater must hold more, and the lesser less. To pursue this Curiosity a little further, I find by Gage, The King's Bath being 1 yard 18 inches in Water, to contain three hundred and fourteen Tun, thirty six Gallons.

The Queen's, eighty one Tun, three Hogsheads, and eleven Gallons.

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The Cross, fifty three Tun, and forty seven Gallons.

The Hot, fifty four Tun, and twenty seven Gallons.

As to the difference arising from the degree of Heat, though I must acknowledg my defect of Observations in that kind, which I will hereafter supply, yet I may say thus much now, That the King's and Hot Baths are not more different in that particular than the Queen's, and Cross, and that this latter is the most temperate of all.

And here it may be noted, That what is written concerning the difference in degree of Heat in the Baths, is so to be understood as esteemed now; for the Hot Bath was formerly accounted the Hottest of all, whence it had its name, *κατ' ἐξοχήν*, the rest being ever, and so reputed Hot, though in some degrees inferior to that. Hence *Jones* says, From what he there deliver'd, the reason may be gather'd why some of the Waters of Baths break out most Hot, as the Hot Bath at *Batbe*; others meanly Hot, as the Cross Bath; others between both, as the King's Bath. And in another place; The King's Bath is Hot between both the other. But of this I intend, God willing, to make further Tryals.

The Cause of this Variation I conceive to be not an Intention, and Remission of a Subterranean Fire, (which meeting with an Enemy that hath had so many recruits and reinforcements as the Water hath, and will have till the end of all Things, 'tis much should yet keep its ground, and not be extinct, to mention no other Absurdities at present, that undeniably follow on that *Hypothesis*, this Variation, I conceive, doth not arise on that score) but rather is caused by a greater or lesser fermentation, arising  
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from the Acting of an Acid on an Alcalizate Salt, both which are contained in the Bath, and much assisted by the vast Quantity of an impalpable Powder, the greatest Ingredient in the Waters, and seems to serve for no other end, except, what shall be hereafter mentioned, to administer a perpetual supply to the Fermentation.

'Tis likewise observable, That where the greatest Heat is, as in the King's, and Hot Bath, there is the greatest Quantity of this fermentative matter, insomuch as I have Calculated that near 50 pound weight goes off in little more than 24 hours in the King's; but in the Cross Bath, where less need is, there is less of this gritty matter, and much less goes off in a longer time. So that having sometime resembled this Fermentation to Generation, the father of it being an acid saline Spirit, and the mother this gritty matter and Alcalizate Salt, the Conjunction made, and the Thing produc'd, the father slips away invisibly in a Mist of Steam, and the mother passes out at a back-door as soon as may be, resigning the Work to be successively promoted in the same manner, to future generations. And indeed should the matter still continue that hath done its work, the Springs and Channels would be quickly obstructed, so that what is acid being of light burden, and more active, quickly exhales, and the more Corpulent passeth off by convenient Sluces and Draughts, as an Excrement, upon which the Wheel of Fermentation is kept continually going, by an immediate succession of new matter of the same kind. That not only the acid part, but the more fixt Salts also do in part exhale, may be found confirmed by the 88th. Observation, which cannot but part with something of their Substance in the *Lucia* of Fermentation.

Again;



Again, In some places where the fermentation is less, as in the Water of *St. Vincents Rock* near *Bristol*, which hath not half the heat that the *Cross-Bath* hath, the Water abates near the proportion in the quantity of Ingredients; and although for the most part the same, yet in so small a proportion, cannot act as a greater quantity would do, and the acidity being so little as scarce to coagulate Milk, or turn with Galls, may not be expected to do wonders in a fermentation.

To conceive a continuation of the Hot waters of *Bathe* to that of *Bristol*, by way of *Dreyn*, as some Ingenious persons have imagin'd, is unphilosophical. For if very Salt water becomes insipid by running but the tenth part of that course under ground, how can it rationally be expected that any Salt should be left of that little in the Bath here, after such a tedious journey, in which it may happily meet with many fresh Subterranean passengers in cross roads, that may intrude upon it, and, by mixing with it rob it long before both of its Saltness and Heat.

I must therefore say here, what I shall further discourse of more at large in another place, That since my first consideration of this matter, I was ever inclin'd to believe, that the cause of the Heat and impregnation of the Baths was not far off from the Baths themselves, (*Coram adest quod querimus*) for to me it seems not a little strange, that on digging so many Wells, Stone-quarries, Cole-pits, and other penetrations of the Earth to a considerable depth, that have been made about the City, no Hot water should appear, but only in one Stone-quarry near *Dunkerton* about an hundred years ago, mentioned by *Jones* to have been so hot, that they were fain to forbear working: The truth of which

*Bathes  
Aid, lib. 2.  
fol. 20.*

Relation I somewhat question, and rather believe the honest *Cambrobritan*, being a Stranger here, might the easier be imposed on by some fabulous Relator.

Another Argument for a different Fermentation I take to be the different forms of shooting of the Nitrous stria's; otherwise, why should the Kings and Hot-Bath, that have the strongest heat, shoot into more compact needles, and much thicker than the Cross? but that the stronger fermentation ripens, and invigorates better the Crude matter of the shoots, when the other not so strong leaves the matter crude and weak.

Before I give a rough Draught of my own Hypothesis, which I only here propose, and shall further, God willing, illustrate and polish in my next undertaking, I must premise these few particulars, which in part contain a Survey of this Country.

First, That the ground on which the City of *Bathe* in good part stands, especially near the Baths, is raised ground, and that probably, under some yards of Gravel is a Bog, made by the confluence of Waters hither. This seems in good measure evident from this, That on the digging some foundations not long since, the Workmen came at last to a soft Mud, which yielding much, and a Souldiers Pike of a good length thrust into it, no bottom was discovered, but a warm, Marly, Sulphurous mud adhering to the Pike. This was observ'd in the North and South-west parts of the Town.

Secondly, That the Springs of Cold water about this place are very numerous, insomuch that sometime since, having been desired by that Ingenious and Learned Knight *Sr. Anthony Morgan*, since dead

dead in *France*, to search what Springs I could find hereabouts, in order to the making several mixtures, if that way we might give any light to a Fermentation; I remember I brought Water from twenty two several Springs, and might have done from as many more, within two miles compass, on one side.

Thirdly, That the two Water-houses supplying the City, are placed on two Hills, one on the North, and another on the South, for the more convenient supply of the whole with Water.

Fourthly, That the Bowels of the Earth on the South of the Town, with the South-east and South-west parts, for four or five miles compass, are sufficiently replenisht with great plenty of Freestone, which supplies the Country round about with good Materials for building, and would do many Counties more were there a way agreed upon for its better conveyance.

Fifthly, That on the North part of the Town little or none of this Freestone is digged, but Water arises in abundance, and on the Hills about *Marshfield* some Marcasites have been found, of which Vitriol is made, and probably more of that kind are contained in that ground. I mean not the white Marcasite found on *Lansdown*: what that was is notoriously known.

Sixthly, That another sort of Earth that abounds about *Bathe*, is blew Marle and Ochre. This is discovered almost in all sides of deep hollow ways, the River sides, and particularly at *Lambridge*, a mile off, is a blew Marly slate with Ochre sticking to it, and under that clear Ochre alone. And

Seventhly, That almost all things about the Bath, as Marle, Ochre, Freestone, Sand, Mud, Scum, Shells and Salts, will ferment on the affusion of any acid.

These things premised, I proceed to my Conjecture concerning the Rise, Continuation and Heat of the Baths; and man can do no more; for *Μάντις ἀεισις ὅστις ἐκράζει καλῶς, the best Prophecieis but a good Gueß.*

I conceive then, that the Salts and Marle with the conflux of Waters into this compass of lower ground, being created in the beginning, and then placed under or near where the Baths now stand, by the virtue of those words, *וַיִּבְרָא וַיִּרְבּוּ*, *increase and multiply*, have increased ever since from their own seeds, in their proper Seminaries, as the greatest part of the Creation doth and ever will, till the consummation of all things. Neither do I see much more reason to admire the breeding and increase of those Minerals under ground, than the perpetual springing and inexhaustible growth of the little spires of Grass we tread on above it: But it ever was and will be the humor of the generality of Mankind to overlook what's before them, and pay their admiration to what they do not see, it faring with many other things as with Vertue in the Poet:

— *Præsentem odimus*

*Sublatam ex oculis quærimus invidi.*

Vertue remov'd we dote on; present slight:  
And darkness thus prefer before the light.

The Salts being here sufficiently fixt, two large Currents of Water may come down upon them, and meet very near or under the Baths themselves; the one from the South, bringing with it its *Cargo* of Freestone, the commodity, as was said of that part of the Country; the other from the North, acuated by some Vitrioline Marcasites, over which  
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it may pass, and meeting near the place with all this matter that is fermentative, a fermentation may arise sufficiently productive of what heat we find; considering especially the closeness of the Caverns of the Earth in which it is bred, where little air can abate it, but rather by that advantage, reduplicate the heat.

Much to this purpose are the words of that Ingenious and Learned Physician Dr. *Sherley*, whose Philosophical Essay came late to my hands, and some considerable time after I had framed, and in these words written, my own Hypothesis; yet in regard some coincidences, though at this distance, and without any converse, have happen'd, which may confirm and illustrate what is before discoursed, I shall, by his permission, crave leave to say, That if the words I now recite be understood of the Bath-waters, as he intended them of Water in general, the duration and equality of these Waters will be better understood, and found to be according as I have before asserted. He therefore saith in the beginning of the eighth Section of this Philosophical Essay, p. 112. *In the beginning God infused into the bosom of the Waters the Seeds of all those things that were afterwards to be made out of the Waters, setting them their constant rules and laws of acting, and by the power of the words, Increase and Multiply, they had a faculty given them to continue themselves in the same order till the World shall be destroyed by fire; at which time all Seminal beings shall desert their gross bodies, and return to their first fountain and grand Exemplar, GOD, on whom they have at this time a constant dependance.*

This I am apt to believe might be made demonstrative, if digging about the Baths might be



admitted and practic'd without prejudice to the Springs, which, 'tis feared, will ensue, and therefore I must be content with that kind of Demonstration, which Art will afford in imitation of Nature, some of which I could now propose; but I will not prevent my self in things of this nature, and therefore shall end this Subject for the present with these two Remarks:

First, That the Baths having the same Minerals, and but little differing in proportion neither, must be equally advantagious in the same distempers, but with this difference, that the different degrees of Heat altering somewhat the case, judgment must advise what Bath the Patient shall be committed to; how long it may be convenient to stay, and what government is to be used more in one Bath than another, besides the determination of the Distemper 'tis proper to relieve.

And, Secondly, Whereas great discourse hath arisen here concerning the conveyance of some Nuts that were observed in the Cistern over the main Spring of the Kings Bath, upon the alteration of a firm stone cross in the middle, to that pretty Woodendevise that now stands there; some whercof were black and rotten, others fresh with their kernels in them, and some with shales very green about them: the way of passage may be conceived to have been by the currents of Cold water from an open Spring, if not the River, near a Coppice or Wood-side, with which the water of the Bath may in part be supply'd, the Bath being, as I suppose, the great Exchequer, into which the lesser Rivulets do return their tribute, and to which they pay their homage, as to their Liege Lord and Sovereign, constituted such by Him, by whom Kings reign, and from whom alone they receive their Scepters.

ters. That these Nuts could not come, by a nearer cut, from the Bath-side, is most evident from this, That the Cistern was so well plaister'd about with Plaister of equal hardness with a stone, that it cost very many blows to get it up; presently from the rise of which the Nuts did appear, immediately shot up from the Springs themselves.

As to the Internal use of the Waters, so much of late applauded, and not without cause; as a grave Physician, sometime of this Place, hath in his Writings condemned that, the Reason of which he never understood; so would not I on the contrary, give my Vote for that which I had not thoroughly examin'd, and on good grounds judged and found advantageous.

*Dr. Vener Tr. of Bathe, p. 12.*

It being therefore clear, that Vitrioline, Nitrous, and Saline springs, are recommended by the most Intelligent Writers to be used as a drink; and the forementioned Salts, the two latter fixt and visible to the eye, the former more invilible, transient and halituous, being contained in the Waters, I may conclude them by good consequence to be potable and most proper to be drank. Neither is the heat offensive, but amicable to the stomach, and doth not of it self, unless ingurgitation procure it, incline to Vomit. But because the drinking of the Waters hath so much obtain'd, I have the more particularly discours'd of that in the two following Chapters.

## C H A P. XIII.

*Of the Use of the Bath-Water in Potion.*

**H**AVING in the close of the former Chapter debated and determin'd in short the Question, Whether the Bath-water may be safely used inwardly, and on good grounds carried it in the Affirmative: The next Thing I am to proceed to, is, The manner how, and what course is to be taken by those that would use it so as to find benefit thereby. But before I treat of this, I shall enervate one grand Objection, and then give some preparatory directions for the better information, and greater benefit of the Patient.

*An OBJECTION.*

It may then be said ; That the Bath-Water, according to present discoveries, containing those Ingredients that may be prejudicial to the Body, the use of them in potion may not seem to be safe, and the best way to decry the internal use, is to Anatomize their body, and declare their Contents ; some of which being gritty, and of a Lapideous nature, may obstruct the mesentery, milky veins, and other passages, and conduce much to the heaping up a fabulous matter in the Body, and thereby give occasion to the intolerable excruciations of the Stone and Gout, besides the foundation it may lay for other distempers ; others being of a relaxing and effeminating nature, may have no good effect and influence upon the Nervous parts, especially the Stomach and intestines,

intestines, through which they pass; and therefore this use of the Waters seems rather to be avoided, and the inconveniences arising in probability from some parts *non-saline*, may be thought much to overbear the advantages expected from the Salts.

*The ANSWER.*

To this, I think the Substance of all that can be objected, I return this Answer;

That the supposed Culpable parts in and about the Contents of the Bath-water, being only three, Grit, Bitumen and Sulphur, the former, though in the greatest proportion, is so finely wrought and intimately mixed with the Body of the Waters, that in truth it cannot deserve that name, and therefore I call it so in relation to the more brown and gritty, appearing on Evaporation, *as I have elsewhere observ'd*; this then in the Waters that are drank being soft and impalpable, and no magistery more finely pulveriz'd, must pass in Conjunction with the Water through all its Meanders; neither is the stay usually so long in the Body, as to occasion any fear of a Separation, which probably may be if they pass not well, and therein chiefly, I suppose, to lyethe danger, the natural heat being not so violent, but of a more moderate and even tenour, and too weak to make an analysis of the Water in so short a time, or dissolve its body, as the fire doth, but having discharged its office, is discharged also by the usual ways of Evacuation, if the Water stay not in the Body too long.

Besides, The benefit of this Insipid magistery may not be a little; for if the acrimony of the blood be abated, and sharp humours allay'd, mitigated

gated and dulcifi'd, as the Experience of many persons, the two Summers last past especially seem to testify; I know nothing else in the Waters I can attribute this effect with greater justice to, than this impalpable powder, which like Coral and Pearls, being in themselves gritty and insipid, are known to produce the same effects without prejudice to the body, by imbibing the Acrimony, or altering the property of those humors they are found to allay. I confess indeed, some expectation might in reason be of a fermentation within, as by the means of this powder, in good part there probably hath been without in the Waters themselves, according to my Hypothesis mentioned in the former Chapter, if the Powder were separated and immediately mixed with acids in the Bowels, Stomach, Spleen, or elsewhere, upon which, Eruptions, Inflations, and other inconveniences might ensue; but the Water passing quickly off, and there being not that constant supply as underground, nor proportionable acids neither, as may be there, no such ill effects can reasonably be fear'd, nor yet have been observ'd.

As to *Bitumen*, either Liquid or Solid, the first of which is chiefly condemned by Mineral Writers, no inconvenience can arise from that, in regard I do not conceive it mixed, or indeed capable of mixing with the body of the Waters, but is at some certain times eructed from the Springs, chiefly in the Months of *June*, *July* and *August*, it ascends, being driven through the Waters, without mixture, to the surface, and there remains as a Scum, which taken off and dried burns like Stone-pitch, and is noted elsewhere: So that the quantity being inconsiderable to any other of the Minerals, and the times of breeding and appearing not constant, with

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an incapacity of mixing with the body of the Waters, otherwise certainly it would not ascend and float on the surface as we find it doth: these things, I say, considered, I cannot but think it strange, the Learned Dr. *Jorden* should assert these Baths to be Bituminous à *prædominio*, or consist principally of Bitumen, which I shall hereafter make appear to be but a less principal Principle, and rather an appurtenance to, than an Ingredient in the waters. So much also I must further say, That the swimming of a Bituminous substance on the surface of the waters; the shrivelling of the tops of the fingers in the Bath; and the bare smell of Sulphur by the Baths-side; are no masculine foundations for asserting those Principles, and making *that* the greatest ingredient in the waters, that is not capable of mixing with them.

Whereas *Sulphur* (the third Ingredient of Dr. *Jorden*, and least proportionable, affirming the Baths N.B. *Ch. 16* to consist principally of Bitumen, with Nitre and P. 150. some Sulphur) is in much greater proportion than the Bitumen mentioned but now, and contains, I judge, near a fourth part of the courser Contents, the result of evaporation, for so much or thereabouts is lost in Calcination, this, I say, though much in quantity, cannot relax or effeminate, either by fattiness or otherwise, as some Authors pretend; for, whatever it may have of that, 'tis certainly so much alter'd by the other Ingredients into whose bosom it is taken, and to which it is so nearly united, that nothing of that nature doth appear at any time, and is in nothing discovered more than its inflammability. We ought therefore here to expect the known virtues and benefits of Sulphur, to befriend the Lungs, to comfort and cherish weak parts, and do all those good offices we experience in

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in a Composition though made of many things besides, rather than to imagine the Water of the Fountain *Salmacis*, to be continued hither, or be frightened with any *Sardanapalian* nature in Sulphur, which may create inconveniences we know not what. But if any person, notwithstanding what hath been said to the contrary, may be in some suspicion of any nocument from the Sulphur, he may have a Salt made out of the Waters to be dissolved in it, in which Sulphur is not concern'd, and so the Waters may be drank in lesser proportion.

Having therefore combated these three supposed Enemies to the Waters inward use, and found them weak and insufficient to maintain the opposition they pretend to, the greater confirmation will accrue from the consideration of the three-fold encouragement, arising from the mixture of the triple Salt, Nitre, Salt and Vitriol, the further enlargement on which I shall at present forbear, and now give some few directions for the Patient's benefit I mentioned before.

The first of which is, That 'tis very necessary the Body be well prepar'd before the Waters be taken, and consequently that good advice be had whether it be proper or no, for the inconsiderate use of any thing must be very prejudicial; and the best reason why many Effects are not produc'd, is because in reason they could not be expected. This preparation must be made, not slightly with a little Bath-water and Salt, Syrup of Roses, and Manna, and such like alimentary Medicines, but with proper, effectual, and frequent Purgations, as the knowing Physician will think requisite sometimes. For what Impurities are *in primis viis*, the Stomach, Intestines, &c. will certainly with the Current be carried further into the Body, defile the blood, and thereby

thereby create an Iliad of evils ; whereas if the Body be well prepar'd, the Water hath beſides a cleaner paſſage, a more free one too, unto the parts it muſt relieve.

'Tis alſo leſs beneficial for the Patient to drink the Water in the Bath, and contrary to the rules and directions of intelligent Phyſicians ; but if thirſt be troubleſom, ſomewhat may be taken to allay that, and half an hour before riſing a quantity may be drank, and the reſt in bed, if occaſion ſhall require ; otherwiſe to ſet aſide ſome time for drinking alone, and never, during that time, to uſe the Bath at all, is what may give both Uſes due liberty to exert their operations, and not cramp or ſupplant one another, as they often do when made uſe of together.

It is likewiſe requiſite that a good courſe of Diet be obſerved in the uſe of the Waters, both as to Meat and Drink ; that dinner be of meats of light and eaſie digeſtion, at twelve or one a clock, when the Waters have made a conſiderable paſs ; and that ſupper be in good time, that the Body may be clear againſt the next morning again.

The beſt time for drinking is in the morning early, from the Pump, at the place it ſelf, if it may be, otherwiſe, if near, at home, very warm, with a quarter of an hours walking after every Pint or Quart, at utmoſt ; ariſing from three to ſix pints, four to eight, or five to ten, as the Body will bear, for no ſet gage can be given ; and the beſt Rule is, that it ought to be taken *pro Tolerantia*, every one as they are able to bear, without ingurgitation, or reſecting again. The number of days, 7, 14, 21, or a month, after which time I have obſerv'd the like effects not to be produc'd, as in the intermediate ſpace, and therefore none ought to uſe it longer at one ſeaſon.

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But these Things, and many more of this nature, shall be further discuss'd, and the whole Circuit of the way of drinking gon, and comprehended, in the Solution of the following Questions, which I shall only here propound.

Question I.

*Whether the Bath-water ought to be drank Hot, or Cold?*

Quest. II.

*Whether in a great or little Quantity?*

Quest. III.

*Whether it may be drank at Meals?*

Quest. IV.

*Whether Bathing and Drinking may be done on the same day?*

Quest. V.

*Whether Drinking may be in the morning, and Bathing in the evening of the same day?*

Quest. VI.

*Whether the Bath-water ought to be taken many days together, or else some days to Bathe, and others to Drink?*

Quest. VII.

*Whether large Draughts may be taken, or more moderate; and what time is required should be between the Draughts?*

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Quest. VIII.

*How many days it is convenient the Bath-water should be drank?*

Quest. IX.

*Whether any Medicines may be usefully taken with the Waters, to further their operation?*

Quest. X.

*What times of the year are most proper to Drink it in?*

Quest. XI.

*Whether the Bath-water may be taken in Winter?*

Quest. XII.

*Whether the Leap-year hath any malign Influence on drinking the Waters?*

Quest. XIII.

*Whether the Waters may be safely used in the Dog-days?*

Quest. XIV.

*Which is first to be done, either Bathing, or Drinking?*

To give a greater security and Credit to the drinking these Waters, with which I shall conclude this Chapter, it may be noted, That, besides the common Discourse of things within the memory of

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man, the Bath-water hath been order'd to be drank  
 Jon. Bath. above an hundred years ago ; for I find in a Physi-  
*Aide. lib. 4.* cian that writ concerning them, *A.D.* 1572. among  
*fol. 28.* other things, these directions :

About an hour after Sun-rising in the morning,  
 drink the Water out of the Spring ; the Body afore  
 purged, the digestion fulfilled, and the Bath first  
 cleansed, remaining clean six hours before.

So much of the Water as shall not be grievous to  
 the Stomach may be drank.

The Water being drank, the Patient must walk  
 gently a few paces in a temperate air.

By which it appears, how careful they were then  
 of preparing the Body, and having the Water pure,  
 which ought not to be less regarded now, other-  
 wise the danger will be more, and the benefit less,  
 according to the right or wrong use of the Waters.  
 That this was discontinu'd, no better reason, I  
 think, can be given, than the Humour of the Times,  
 to which also, a want of a due method in drinking,  
 and a true understanding of the nature of the Wa-  
 ters, may much conduce.

## C H A P. XIV.

*Of the Virtues of the Bath-water taken inwardly.*

**T**Hat the Water, and consequently the Salt extracted from it, and dissolved in it, may not be defrauded of their just Commendation internally used by way of Potion, as well as by Bathing, or Lotion, outwardly, and that it may be rightly made use of in a due way and manner, without expecting more from it than in reason is to be done ; I shall give a short Account of the Distempers in which it may be profitable , and used with advantage.

And first, in General, I conceive it very proper in all Diseases or Symptoms, that require cooling, cleansing, opening, or gentle Evacuation ; under which Heads are comprehended many Maladies, which I shall but briefly touch on, and leave the fuller discovery of its Virtues to experience, and a longer use.

I shall begin with the Stomach, both in regard it is the part it first descends into, and also, because in righting that, it is a general Benefactor to the whole Body, the use of the Stomach being of absolute necessity to every part, without which there can be no supply.

It must therefore infallibly cleanse this useful Receptacle from any impurities lodging in the Bottom or Plicatures thereof, ( which may render what is taken in more foul ) and prepare it the better for digestion of the food, on which depends the main-

tenance of the lesser Universe, conducing much this way to the making better Chyle, purer blood, and more clear and active spirits, the wheels and machines of all sense and motion.

The next Advantage is, That it procures an Appetite, and makes those that drink it receive and enjoy their food with more delight and satisfaction. This is generally known to all that use it, and is effected partly by removing what lines the inner Coat of the Stomach with too much Viscosity, with which the fibres, and nervous filaments, the Organs of Sensation, are obstructed; partly by an Esurine quality residing in the Salt, provoking the desire of Sustenance, which we call Hunger, by its immediate application to the parts mentioned before. And in this Esurine Quality it doth exceed Common Water, of which *Hippocrates* hath written, That it makes men hungry; viz. by its washing and cleansing the Stomach, as is declared before; but this by the mixture of the Salt, is made more effectual.

A third Convenience is, That it allays Thirst, which is often very troublesome, and sometimes dangerous to take in Liquors to suppress it, that may create farther disturbances in the Body, and prove more offensive; whereas this, by its cooling and moistening nature, is the best Remedy that can be provided, and that in no great proportion neither, as hath been often experimented.

It is also of good use in the Heart-burning, or *Cardialgia*, occasioned by the sharpness and acrimony of a bilious humour, vellicating the nerves and membranes of the upper orifice of the Stomach, called by the Ancients, by reason of its great communication therewith, the Heart; which sharp and acrimonious humour it alters, washes off, and  
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at last evacuates, upon which the Passion ceaseth, and ease doth ensue.

Also it clears by its immediate passage out of the Stomach, for some water, I suppose, doth pass that way, whatever obstructions are found in the Vessels about the Stomach, relating either to that or the Caul, arising from the *Vena Porta*, and known commonly among Anatomists by the hard names of *Venæ Gastricæ*, *Epiplociæ*, and *Gastro-Epiplociæ*, conveying what is transmitted from the Celiac Artery, to the Liver, and so by the *Vena Cava*, to the Heart, according to the undoubted and established doctrine of the Circulation.

Moreover, It is of singular use in all Fluxes, whether with blood, or without; Diarrheas, Dysenteries, or bloody Urine; not that it hath any strong astringent quality, which oftentimes is prejudicial, but by its absterging and cleansing virtue, and gently evacuative withal, it allays Acrimony, sweeps away pungent particles, and discharges them by the draught. However, if astringent Medicines shall at any time be judged necessary, the Cure will be facilitated, and more speedily performed, if the Water be drank, or used by Clyster, or both ways made use of, before they are advised, which will be a good preparatory to other Remedies.

It is also good in the Colick, on the account before specified, and with the addition of its Heat; insomuch that those that drink the Bath-water, are observed to break more wind than other people, and find great relief in that case.

It is proper also in the Distemper that is commonly, though improperly, called the Heat of the Liver, when the Face is red, pimpled, and the Body afflicted with cholerick and pustulous Eruptions, having its foundation in the blood, which the Wa-

ter attemperates, and brings down to a just degree, proportionable to the Natural and Balsamick Temper of its prime Composure.

It opens likewise the obstructions of the Liver, Spleen and Gall, and therefore proper in the Spleen, so far as it ariseth from that Cause, and not improper, but very advantageous, in the Scurvy, Jaundise, and obstructions of the Mesentery, which, if the Waters pass, must be much advantage to the Body; in regard there most commonly lyes the *Sentina Corporis*, or Sink of the whole, which is cleansed this way, as the Sewers in *Bristow*, by St. David's Flood.

It is also very beneficial, if moderately taken, in the Gravel of the Kidneys, or any Gravel or Phlegm obstructing them, or the Ureters, which it undeniably cleanseth, and prevents Concretions, which may afterward terminate in Tophes and Stones; so that 'tis a good preservative against the Stone, and will dissolve what is not too firmly impacted, which may be discover'd, if the water pass not freely that way.

It is also of incomparable use in the *Diabetes*, or pissing Disease, which is usually attended with a great drought, which it allays above any thing; and, the quantity moderated for fear of pissing too much, produces great effects, as hath been experienced of late by a Person of Honour.

I doubt not also to commend it in the Dropfie, but care must be taken that it pass well away, otherwise it may prove more prejudicial than advantageous. The like also may be said of the Gout.

'Tis beneficial likewise in the Whites in Women, and what is somewhat consequential, prepares them for Conception; so that in some kinds of Barrenness,



ness, no more effectual Medicine can be used. *Plinius dicit, Aquarum aliquas sterilitatem fœminarum abolere, & conceptus ipsis representare, sicut Sinuessanas in Campania; Thespiarum fontis in Bœotia; Elati fluminis in Arcadia; qui effectus significant hujusmodi Aquas esse Nitrosas: Etenim hæc vulvam, quoniam eam abstergunt, Conceptioni faciunt habilem,* saith *Georg. Agricola*; and again, a little after, *Nitrosæ vulvam ad Concipiendum aptam faciunt.* Nitrous Waters dispose the Matrix to Conception. So that I question not but that outwardly and inwardly used, but chiefly the latter, these Waters are very advantageous in that condition.

*De Nat. Eor. quæ eff. ex Terra, lib. 2.*

The inward use is also very profitable in all foulness of the Blood, the Itch, Scabs, Leprosie, and the Worms.

For the Distempers of the Head it may be less useful, being somewhat remote, yet in many not prejudicial; for the fore-quoted Author says, speaking of Nitrous Waters; *Capita, succis frigida qui mentem obtundunt, repleta exiccantes & roborantes, tandem mentem denuo acuere, & sanitati restituere possunt.* Those Heads that are filled with cold humours, which dull the mind, Nitrous Waters, by their drying and corroborating faculty, do relieve; and sharpening the understanding, restore to perfect health.

Yet in regard this may be referred to the general Head of Obstructions, as before, I shall say no more at this time of the Virtues of the Water in particular: only add what *Kircher* says of Nitrous Waters in his Chapter of that Subject: *When Nitre is* \* *predominant, it makes the Water that bath imbib'd* it powerful in operation; enables it to correct an ill habit of Body, which such as are phlegmatick are prone to; it looses the Belly; is good in the diseases of the Nerves, and for such as are subject to defluxions

\* These Virtues are proportionably in all Nitrous Waters, according as they more or less participate of that Mineral.

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*upon the Lungs; heals the Itch, and other diseases of the Skin; cures the ringing of the Ears, dropt into them; and, in a word, makes it to be of an eminent absterging property.* Where it may be noted, That whereas this Author affirms Nitrous Waters to be good for such as are subject to defluxions upon the Lungs, and consequently for those that are weakned by a consumptive disposition, in extenuated persons; it is easie to determine to which of the Minerals chiefly we may attribute that great advantage an Eminent Chirurghion of this Nation hath lately found by drinking the Waters, who from a thin body, and hoarse voice, hath now recover'd a plump Corpulency, clear speech, and good habit of Body and Lungs, to the great credit and reputation of the Water.

For the satisfaction of those that desire to know which way the Water comes to the Kidneys and Bladder, whereby they may somewhat judg of the usefulness of the Water, and true extent of its operation; I shall bricfly, for a close, discourse of that.

The Drink, or Water, which descends into the Stomach by the Gullet, passes thence, either immediately by the Veins, that have a more immediate relation to the Stomach, Caul, &c. or mediately, by the lower orifice of the Stomach, called *Pylorus*, into the Guts, whence the most part passeth by the milky Veins to the *Lumbar glandules*, or Kernels of the Kidneys, ascribed to the Learned D. *Th. Bartholine*, Professor at *Copenhagen*, as the first inventor, and answering to the Receptacle of Chyle in *Brutes*; and partly, perhaps, by the *Mesaraicks*, passeth to the Liver. From those *Glandules*, or the Receptacle, some affirm that the Potulent matter passeth directly to the Emulgents and Kidneys; but

but since this opinion seems not to be beyond dispute, as I have noted elsewhere, I shall add no more as to that here, only admit, that the greatest share of it passes from the Receptacle or *Glandules*, by the milky veins of the Breast, into the right Ventricle of the Heart, thence, through the Lungs, into the left, then into the great Artery, and so, by the Circular motion of the Blood, is carried to the emulgent Arteries, and discharged into the Kidneys, where, by reason of their fabrick, aptly accommodated to the work of Straining, the Serum is separated from the Blood, and drops down by the Ureters, into the Bladder, whence through the *Urethra*, or passage of the Yard, it again visiteth the open air, where I shall now leave it, as of no further use, till it come into the Urinal, and meet with some juggling and quacking Physician.

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## CHAP. XV.

*Of the Water of St. Vincent's Rock, near Bristol.*

HAVING in the 12th. Chapter of this Discourse made some mention of this Water, as a neighbouring Water to *Bathe*, and supposed only a Continuation thither, which I did not think probable on the Reasons there alledged; it will not be altogether improper in this place, to treat a little more largely of that, which hath a name among the useful Mineral Waters of this Land.

As to the Principles of this Hot-Well Water, as 'tis usually call'd, without which the Reason of the Virtues can never be understood, they have been variously reported; what I have found on my own observation, I here declare.

On the Evaporation of two Gallons of the Water, I had  $\text{Div.}$  of the Contents; of which  $\text{Div.}$  were a reddish ferrugineous Earth, somewhat resembling in colour, an Iron Ore, but in substance, very light and friable, with a mixture of a Lime-stone: The other  $\text{Div.}$  which the Lixivium gave me, evaporated in Glass, seemed to be Alom, yet in regard the Lime-stone may counterfeit Alom, especially when precipitated, I could not absolutely conclude it to be Aluminous.

To be a little better satisfied, I caused Mr. *Richard Millechape*, an industrious and skilful Apothecary in *Bristol*, to evaporate one Hogshead of the Water of the Hot-Well, which he did in a furnace, first, to three or four Gallons, afterwards finished it

it in an evaporating Glass, and sent me the Contents, which were little wanting of  $\text{℥v}$  ss. four Ounces of which were, on examination, that red, rusty colour'd Earth, mentioned before, and somewhat, though much less in quantity, more white.

Upon this *non*-Saline part, as I call it, to distinguish it from the Saline part that constitutes the Lixivium, being put into a Crucible and calcin'd, I observ'd: That the red Earth was not harder, but more friable, and lost its rusty colour, becoming more blew; but the white being cold, and mixed with fair water, did, upon the first injection, hiss, and afterwards dissolve, leaving the water white, and a Limy residue in the bottom of the Vessel I infused it in; and both white and blew, after infusion, being dryed again, became very white and limy.

The other part being Saline imbibed into a Lixivium, I evaporated away to half a Pint, and setting it in a cool place, found the next morning, it had shot into long small Stiria's, much resembling those of the Cross Bath here, to the quantity of  $\text{℥iii}$ . the remaining part of the Liquor that did not shoot, I breath'd away, and had  $\text{℥i}$ . of another kind of Salt, now under examination; so that the Saline part is here much exceeded by the *non*-Saline, to which it seems to bear proportionably not much more than a 5th. part, and to be contained according to this Estimate, scarce twelve Grains in a Gallon, whereas that of *Baibe* hath about forty impure.

To give then a short Account of the Principles of this Water, I judg it to consist of Iron, a Nitro-Sulphureous Salt, and some Lime-stone; according to the proportions before deliver'd, and the Contents



tents Saline, and *non*-Saline, to be, in all, near half as much as in the Waters of *Bathe*, where the Salts are a third, and here a fifth, or thereabout, as was mentioned before.

That very little of an acid is contained in these Waters, may appear from this, That neither the cold Water, nor a strong Lixivium made of the Salt, will either turn with Galls, or coagulate Milk; neither doth any thing glebous shew it self among the Shoots I have had yet.

What the other Salt is, which I have not yet fully examin'd, and tastes much Alcalizate, I do here promise to declare on another occasion: only for the present, which is all I shall say of the Principles of this Water now, To make it further evident, that this is Lime-stone, after the *non*-Saline part was well calcin'd, with a strong fire, in the water of that I decocted Sulphur, which it did dissolve, and was precipitated with a fetid smell, both by distill'd Vinegar, Spirit of Vitriol, and Oyl of Tartar, in a considerable quantity.

This Water then though participating of the same Salts with the Water of *Bathe*, but not in that proportion, cannot be expected to be as advantageous in the same Distempers, as it is less hot; but containing so much of Iron, hath that advantage above it, and may be as effectual as *Tunbridg* Waters, in any Diseases that Water is proper for, and, for ought I know, do every way as well.

## C H A P. XVI.

## Of Castle-Cary Water.

THE Mineral Water in *Somersetshire*, commonly known by the name of *Castle-Cary*, or *Alford-water*, being of a quick working nature, and by some persons made use of at *Bathe*, deserves also an Examination ; which I the rather do here, in regard it may confirm and illustrate what I formerly discours'd of, concerning the Nature and Virtues of the Baths of *Bathe*, to which it may be also very subservient.

By Tryals therefore, according as I had done on the Waters of *Bathe* and *Bristol*, I find it to consist of some parts Saline, some *non-Saline*. The Saline part is chiefly Nitrous, Nitre being almost double to the other Salts ; and therefore I judg this Water, *Nitrosa à prædominio* ; Nitre appearing in a nauseous taste, apparent bitterness, cooling, penetrating, and shooting into as long and firm Stiria's, as I have ever seen in the King's, or Hot Baths.

The other Salt, is common brown Salt, arising, I conceive, from a small Rock or Mine, of that sort of Salt in the ground about the Spring. This, I said, is little more than half the proportion of the former, and shews it self in proper Squares or Cubes, peculiar to that Salt, the Nitre shooting first, and this Salt last of all.

The parts *non-Saline* are likewise double :

First, A red Gritt, arising also from a Rock of that colour, and is the proper Gritt of the ground ;

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next the Earth under the Sward, of which I am now to treat a little. The Earth under the surface of the ground is first, a stiff blew Marl: under that a white Clay: and last of all the Red Rock.

The Earth, the second part *non-Saline* contained in the Water, is chiefly the latter, I mean the white Clay, which with the Rocky Sediment, makes up near the proportion of the brown Salt, or rather somewhat more, the Rock bearing not a fourth part to the Clay.

Out of 12 Gallons of this Water wanting 3 Pints, I had  $\text{℥}18. \text{℥vi}$  ls. of the Contents, besides dross and scum in the depuration of the Water, of which  $\text{℥}iii$ . Nitre;  $\text{℥i. ℥vi}$ . brown Salt; and  $\text{℥ii}$ . Earth and Rock.  $\text{℥}iii$ . gr. 30. lost in working. So that  $\text{℥}ss$ . of Salt is contained in every Gallon of the Water, or proportionably  $\text{℥}ss$ . in every Pint, or between 20 and 30 Grains, of which two parts are Nitre, and one brown Salt.

Note, That out of the quantity of Water mentioned before, I had of the pure refined Salt only  $\text{℥}iv. 2$  Drams, and 40 Grains, in a Gallon; 20 Grains in a Pint.

This Water then must be of good use to cool, cleanse, penetrate and attenuate gross humours; allay acrimony; temperate and suppress undue fermentation. Good in the Spleen, Scurvy, Jaundice, and all obstructions of the Mesentery and Bowels, having all those properties *Kircher* gives of Nitrous Waters, mentioned *Chap. 14*.

It cleanses the Kidneys and Ureters, and is very beneficial in the Stone, moving by Siege, Urine and Sweat, and that very effectually, in regard the Minerals are so strongly imbibed, which makes it better to be mixed with the Water from the Springs

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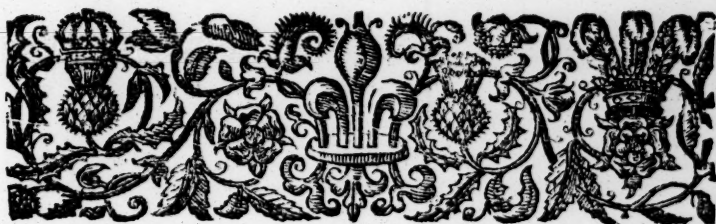
at *Bathe*, which, having the same Salts are less, operative, because less impregnated.

And thus having discours'd of Three Mineral Waters, by the Salts, the main of their Composition, somewhat related, *St. Vincent's Hot Well*, less impregnated; *Bathe*, more; and *Castle-Cary Water*, in the highest degree; I hope the best use will be made of them all. And so I take leave of this Subject for the present, referring the Curious to more Particulars, concerning the principal part of my Design, to the ensuing *Century of Observations*.

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lighter than Common Water by 2 ounces in a Gallon ; for 12 Gallons of the Bath-water weighed but 95 pound 14 ounces , whereas Common Water as much weighed 97 pound, 6 ounces ; 24 ounces, or  $\text{lbis.}$  difference. The like will hold in smaller proportions, as  $\text{3ii.}$  in a Pint, and  $\text{3i.}$  in a Pint, and  $\text{3i.}$  in a Pottle. Note,

That this Observation was made in Frost, and must be understood of Bath-water cold. See *Obs. IV.*

*Observ. III.*

That a Gallon of the Bath-water hot, weighed 8 pound, 8 ounces ; 2 pound, 2 ounces, the Quart : Cold, 8 pound, 2 ounces and half ; 2 pound  $\text{3v.}$  the Quart. 5 ounces and half in a Gallon wanting ;  $\text{3xi.}$  in a Quart ;  $\text{3vls.}$  in every Pint.

*Observ. IV.*

That the usual proportion in open dry weather is Common Water  $\text{lb. 3vi.}$  the Pint ; Bath-water hot  $\text{lb. 3v.}$  Bath-water cold  $\text{lb. 3iv.}$  Bath-water 1 ounce in a Gallon less cold than hot ;  $\text{3i.}$  lighter than Common Water hot ;  $\text{3ii.}$  cold. Note,

That this Observation is chiefly to be understood of the King's and Cross Bath ; and of the Measure, Weights and Scales used at that time.

*Observ. V.*

That Bath-water hot being weighed a second time, in like proportion, against Common Water, in open Scale, both Waters did very near, in open weather, balance each other , but standing in the Scale, till the Bath-water was cold, the Bath-water

ter required 3ii. in a Pint, to make up the Balance.

*Observ. VI.*

That on another Tryal made Nov. 18. 75. in open weather, Bath-water hot, and Common Water did weigh much alike ; but cold, wanted 3ii. in a Pint of its own weight hot, and ( consequently ) was 3ii. in a Pint, or 3ii. in a Gallon, lighter than Common Water.

*Observ. VII.*

That at any time, Bath-water hot, nor cold, was not heavier than Common Spring-water.

*Observ. VIII.*

That the same Pint of Bath-water weighed at the first 12 hours end, after taking from the Springs, standing 12 hours longer, did weigh lighter by 3i.

*Observ. IX.*

That by a Pint, Wine-measure, the Cross Bath Water exactly weighed, 17. Nov. 75. did weigh 15i. 3i. 3v. and 8 grains.

*Observ. X.*

That the King's Bath Water weighed much the same, by the same Measure, Weights and Scales, at the same time, and, if any difference, the King's was somewhat heavier, being immediately weighed in the dry-Pump Room.



*Observ. XI.*

That the Hot Bath Water 1 Pint, weighed then at the King's Bath, did weigh  $\text{lb. } \text{ʒi. } \text{ʒiii. } \text{ʒss.}$  and 4 grains; but at the Hot Bath, with the same Measure, Weights and Scales, weighed  $\text{lb. } \text{ʒi. } \text{ʒiv.}$  and 12 grains; 38 grains more than at the King's Bath.

*Observ. XII.*

That the Hot Bath Water, one Pint, weighed  $\text{ʒi.}$  8 grains lighter than the Crofs.

*Observ. XIII.*

That the Water of the Hot Bath, one Pint, weighed 42 grains lighter than the Kings.

*Observ. XIV.*

That the two former Observations immediately foregoing, were made with the Hot Bath Water, against the just weight of the King's and Crofs, and the Measure twice filled with the greatest exactness, may cause this little Variation of 6 grains between King's and Crofs; but if the estimate be made from the weight of the King's, Crofs, and Hot Bath Water, at, or near their respective Pumps (as in *Obs. 9, 10, 11.*) then the Hot Bath Water, one Pint, is 56 grains lighter than either King's, or Crofs.

*Observ. XV.*

That the Hot Bath Water is the lightest of all, but the King's and Crofs are in weight much alike,  
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provided the Water of both be weighed, at or near the Pump of either Bath.

*Observ. XVI.*

That the Menstruum, or Water imbibing the Minerals of the Hot Bath, is lighter than that of the King's or Crofs : for in one Pint of the former are contain'd 11 grains  $\frac{1}{4}$  ( as in *Obs. 69.* ) and the two latter but 9 grains  $\frac{1}{2}$  ( as in *Obs. 67, 68.* ) one grain  $\frac{1}{3}$  more in a Pint of the Hot Bath Water, than the Crofs or King's, and yet the Hot Bath is so much lighter than either King's or Crofs, according to the former Observations.

*Observ. XVII.*

That as the King's Bath Water hath as much less Marle, as it hath more Gritt than the Crofs ; so the Crofs Bath on the contrary, hath more Marle, and less Gritt than the King's : which makes the contents even, and the weight of the Water equal, the Menstruum of both weighing both alike.

*Observ. XVIII.*

That the drinking Pump in the King's Bath, and dry Pump out of it, convey out Water of an equal weight : neither is that received at the dry Pump, lighter than that which is taken immediately from the Springs.

*Observ. XIX.*

That the Water of none of the Baths, did at any time weigh heavier than Common Water, by the same Measure, Weights and Scales.

*Observ. XX.*

That Hydrostatical Observations may vary, according to the difference of Weather, Water, Measure, Weights and Scales; but that what is mentioned before in relation to that Affair, is done ( I judg ) with as much exactness as may be.

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OBSERVATIONES  
CHROMATICÆ:

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OBSERVATIONS

Concerning the

Waters Tincturing.

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*Observation* XXI.

**T**hat the Water of all the Baths warm will  
tinge with Galls.

*Observ.* XXII.

That the same quantity of Bathwater warm,  
with the same proportion of Galls, gives a deeper  
Tincture in frosty weather, than in open.

*Observ.*

*Observ. XXIII.*

That the New Pump, and dry Pump, at the Kings Bath, Tincture both alike, but the Water of the Bath it self, not at all.

Note,

That this Observation is to be understood of the Bath when full; for if trial be made when the Bath is filling, and the water low, the water of the open Bath will Tinge, as coming more immediately from the Springs.

*Observ. XXIV.*

That a Glass-bottle filled with water hot from the Kings Bath, well cork't and seal'd, gave a deep tincture with Galls, in open weather, 48 hours after.

*Observ. XXV.*

The like Tincture, but somewhat more faint, I have observed at three daies end.

*Observ. XXVI.*

That the Water of the Kings, Crofs, and Hot Baths, being kept close stop't and seal'd for the space of seven daies, the King's Bath did turn with Galls, but the Crofs and Hot were not alter'd at all.

Note,

That here might be some fault in stopping, for on another Trial, the Crofs Bath, on the seventh day, did give a tincture. See *Obs.* 45.

*Observ.*



*Observ. XXVII.*

That the water of the Kings Bath well stop'd and seal'd, did, at eight weeks end, give a purple tincture with Galls, little different from what it did, when taken hot from the Pump.

Note,

That this I had from the Relation of another, and is not consonant to my other Observations: if so, there must be then a long Frost, which I have not met with since.

*Observ. XXVIII.*

That the Water of the Cross Bath corkt, and waxt, gave a pretty brisk tincture, on the sixth day after taking from the Pump, in open weather, although the bottle had been open'd and wax't up again two daies before. The Kings Bath Water also taken at the same time did turn, but not so soon, and more faint. Another bottle also of the Kings Bath did the like, fill'd Nov. 6. and open'd Nov. 12. the same daies as before.

*Observ. XXIX.*

That the Water of the Hot Bath corkt and waxt, and open'd at 24 hours end, did not strike a purple tincture with Galls, though carefully made up, as soon as taken from the Pump.

*Observ. XXX.*

That another Vial of the Hot Bath-water open'd at three hours end, in open weather, did  
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not tincture, though corkt and waxt as the former.

*Observ. XXXI.*

That two bottles of the Water of the Crofs and Hot Bath, open'd twelve hours after sealing at the Pump, in Frost, and in a short time carefully sealed up again, did the next morning, twelve hours after, give a tincture both with Galls and Oaken chips, but sooner and higher the Crofs.

*Observ. XXXII.*

That two bottles of the Water of the Crofs and Hot Bath filled from the Pump, and standing twenty four hours in Frosty weather, unstopt, the water of both the Baths did turn with Galls, but sooner and deeper the Crofs.

*Observ. XXXIII.*

That the Water in the same bottles standing twenty four hours longer unstopt, the water still continuing Frosty, the Crofs Bath water did tinge as formerly, but that of the Hot was not alter'd at all.

*Observ. XXXIV.*

That three hours after the former Experiment, the weather then breaking that had been frosty before, neither Hot nor Crofs Bath water was considerably alter'd, though the water of the Hot Bath was but three hours before taken hot from the Pump. The Crofs Bath water, that but that morning had Tinged very well after forty eight hours standing, did then very little; and the Hot  
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taken immediately from the Pump but three hours before, not at all.

*Observ. XXXV.*

That two glass Vials of the Cross and Hot Bath-water well corkt and seal'd up hot, and open'd at three daies end, the Cross Bath water did tincture with Galls, but the Hot was very little alter'd. Another half pint bottle corkt and waxt, open'd at four daies end, the water of the Hot Bath, gave no tincture at all.

*Observ. XXXVI.*

That trial having been made with Galls, on the Water of all the Baths unstopt, at ten hours end, in open weather; The Hot Bath lost its Tincturing first; the Kings decayed much next; but the Cross Bath gave a tincture much brighter than the Kings.

*Observ. XXXVII.*

That the next morning, thirteen hours after, the weather still continuing without frost, the Cross Bath did tinge very well; but the Kings Bath very little,

*Observ. XXXVIII.*

That after six hours more, the Cross Bath did tinge as formerly, but the water of the Kings did not tincture at all.

*Observ.*

*Observ. XXXIX.*

That eighteen hours after that, the Crofs Bath in the same open weather unstopt, gave a very faint tincture with Galls, after some standing, and shortly after became as the Kings the day before.

*Observ. XL.*

That the Water of the Kings Bath in open weather, unstopt, gave no tincture with Galls at 18 hours end, when the Crofs Bath did at 28.

*Observ. XLI.*

That the same Water of the Crofs Bath kept unstopt, in open weather, 18 hours longer, or at 46 hours end, did not tincture with Galls, but in a short time became thick and white.

*Observ. XLII.*

That the Kings Bath-water that Tinctur'd faintly in the morning, at six daies end, in open weather, stopt again with Cork, but not waxt, four hours after did not tincture at all.

*Observ. XLIII.*

That the Kings Bath-water unstopt in open weather at 10 hours end, gives a faint tincture with Galls; at 18 hours very little (if any;) and at 24 hours none at all, unless in frost, or weather frost-like.

*Observ.*

*Observ. XLIV.*

That the Crofs Bath-water unstopt loseth its tinging in little more than 48 hours, in any weather.

*Observ. XLV.*

That the Water of the same Bath stopt and seal'd, will tincture after six or seven daies, with a faint tincture; but after nine daies, in open weather, will not tincture at all.

*Observ. XLVI.*

That the Water of the Hot Bath unstopt, in open Weather, will give no tincture with Galls after three or four hours, although the Water then retain somewhat of its heat.

*Observ. XLVII.*

That the Water of the same Bath open'd or stopt, will not turn with Galls after three or four daies, in any weather.

*Observ. XLVIII.*

That the Kings Bath-water unstopt, did give a purple tincture with Galls at four daies end, in frost, and the fifth day, the weather breaking, with fresh Galls added to more of the water became turbid and white, much resembling Almond-milk.

*Observ.*



*Observ. XLIX.*

That the Crofs Bath-water cold and unstopt, in open weather, tinctures longer than the Kings.

*Observ. L.*

That the Hot Bath-water unstopt loses its tincturing before 'tis cold, or in four hours time at most; The Kings Bath seldom exceeds 24 hours, and the Crofs 48, in open weather.

*Observ. LI.*

That the Water of all the Baths may appear somewhat purplish after the times before mentioned, but that faint colour seldom holds more than three or four minutes before the water grows thick, and for the most part white; in long standing palish yellow; with fewer Galls, more green, and sometimes black.

*Observ. LII.*

That the Water of the Crofs and Hot Baths kept in two Vials stopt with cork, but not seal'd, for the space of two years, did then with oyl of Tartar become white, although both had deposited a sediment, as well white as yellow. The Water of neither did tinge with Galls.

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*Observ. LIII.*

That the Halitous part is not made more visible, nor can be saved by distillation, although the joynts be luted never so close; neither is the first distilled Water acid, nor will turn with Galls. The like hath Dr. *French* observed, in the vvaters of the Vitrioline Well at *Knaresborough*, *Yorkshire Spaw*, p. 67.

*Observ. LIV.*

That the Water of all the Baths effete, and de-vested of their Tincturing purple with Galls, in a short time become opake, and something like a thin Whey, or as if some few drops of oyl of Tartar had been mixed with it.

*Observ. LV.*

That the Bath-water loses its Tincturing with Galls, although nothing be observ'd to be precipitated.

*Observ. LVI.*

That the Bath-water sealed up in a glass bottle cold, and laid near the Springs of the Bath twenty four hours, doth not then recover its Tinging property with Galls, but becomes white as precipitated with oyl of Tartar, which Spirit of Vitriol makes clear again.

That the cold Water of none of the Baths, except the Crofs, standing 24 hours before Trial unstopt, vvill Tinge vvith Galls or otherwise, in open weather, unless well stopt and seal'd up hot.

Note,

That in Frost-like vveather, in the Winter season, the Crofs Bath chiefly, and sometimes the Kings, may colour after this time; but not after 48 hours unless in constant frost.

*Observ. LVIII.*

That the Water of the Drinking-pump lately erected in the Kings Bath, tinges with Galls no longer than that of the Dry-pump; but both within ten, and twenty hours space, unstopt, in open weather, lose their Tincturing and become effete.

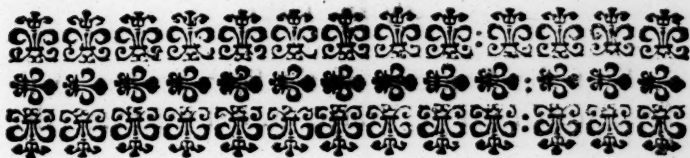
*Observ. LIX.*

That the Kings Bath-water at eight daies end, and the Crofs at nine, in open vveather, did not give any tincture with Galls, although Trial was made on seven glass Vials (4 of the Kings, and 3 of the Crofs) corkt and waxt, at the same time, and successively open'd and experimented, with good fresh Galls injected into every Glass.

*Observ. LX.*

That how long the Waters of all the Baths will Tincture in Frost, this Winter proving very mild, hath not yet given me an opportunity to experiment.

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## OBSERVATIONES

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## OBSERVATIONS

Touching divers Subjects ; more  
especially, The Contents of the Waters,  
and Things appertaining thereunto.

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*Observ. LXI.*

**T**HAT the Water of all the Baths, though  
clear and transparent in a Glass, do contain  
in their Body, a considerable quantity of a fine,  
white, insipid Powder, which afterwards, by de-  
coction, becomes more brown and gritty, with a  
blew Sulphurous Earth or Marle, and a Saline  
matter.

*Observ. LXII.*

That the Contents of the Bath are less in the same proportion of Water, in wet weather, than in dry.

*Observ. LXIII.*

That the Saline matter producible in Substance from the Bath-water, subjected to the Sight, and other senses concern'd, are only Common Salt and Nitre.

*Observ. LXIV.*

That out of one Hogshead of the Water of the Kings Bath taken from the Pump, in wet weather, I had  $\text{℥x. 3vss.}$  whereof  $\text{℥v. 3iii.}$  were Gritt ;  $\text{℥ii. 3viiss.}$  Salt ;  $\text{℥ii. 3iss.}$  Marle.

Note,

That after this proportion, Gritt hath five parts ; Salt about three parts ; and Marle two ; Common Salt more than two ; Nitre one.

*Observ. LXV.*

That out of one Hogshead of the Cross Bath in the same weather, came  $\text{℥xviii. 3v.}$  whereof  $\text{℥iv.}$  Gritt ;  $\text{℥iii. 3i.}$  Marle ;  $\text{℥ii.}$  Common Salt ; and  $\text{3ss}$  of Niter.

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*Observ. LXVI.*

That one Hoghead of the Hot Bath, in the same weather, yielded  $\text{xi. } \frac{3}{4}$ . whereof  $\text{iv. } \frac{3}{4}$ . Gritt;  $\text{iii. } \frac{3}{4}$ . Marle;  $\text{ii. } \frac{3}{4}$ . Common Salt; and  $\text{vi.}$  of Nitre.

*Observ. LXVII.*

That the King's Bath one Gallon ordinarily contains near 43 grains of Gritt; 23 grains  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Salt; 17 grains  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Marle; in all  $\text{iv. } 7$  grains. 5 grains Gritt; 2 grains  $\frac{1}{2}$  Salt (*viz.* 2 grains *Sal Commune*, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain Nitre) and 2 grains Marle, the Pint. In all 9 grains  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Observ. LXVIII.*

That the Cross Bath one Gallon contains near 32 grains Gritt; 25 grains Marle; 16 grains *Sal Commune*; 4 grains Nitre; in all  $\text{xi. gr. } 14$ . 4 gr. Gritt; 3 gr. Marle; 2 gr. *Sal Commune*, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr. Nitre, the Pint. Total 9 gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Observ. LXIX.*

That one Gallon of the Hot Bath Water contains near 36 gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Gritt; 26 gr. Marle; 22 gr. *Sal Commune*; and 6 gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Nitre. 4 gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gritt; 3 gr.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Marle; 2 gr.  $\frac{1}{3}$  *Sal Commune*;  $\frac{1}{3}$  gr. of Nitre. Total 11 gr.  $\frac{1}{4}$  in a Pint.

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*Observ. LXX.*

That the Gritt in proportion is almost double to all the Salts; in the King's Bath, more.

*Observ. LXXI.*

That the Common Salt is near three parts, and the Nitre but one.

*Observ. LXXII.*

That the Hot Bath Water contains by more than a fourth part more Nitre than the Cross. The like will hold as to Common Salt.

*Observ. LXXIII.*

That the Proportion the Saline part bears in the King's and Cross Bath, is near  $\frac{3}{4}$  in a Hoghead, or 60 Gallons; but in the Hot Bath  $\frac{3}{4}$  or somewhat better. So that in a Gallon of the two former are no more than 20 gr. Salt, 2 gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in a Pint; in the latter 24 gr. in a Gallon, or 3 gr. in a Pint.

## Note,

That what is asserted in the two Observations immediately preceding, concerning the Hot Bath Water containing more than the King's or Cross, was done on a single Experiment, which I have not since repeated.

*Ob.*

*Observ. LXXIV.*

That one Hoghead from the Pump of the King's Bath, in frosty weather, afforded  $\text{℥xii. 3ii.}$  of the Contents ; whereof  $\text{℥vi.}$  Gritt ;  $\text{℥iiis.}$  Salt ; and  $\text{℥ii. 3vi.}$  Marle ;  $\text{℥ii. 3ii.}$  *Sal Communis* ; and  $\text{℥x.}$  Nitre.

Note,

That the same quantity of the Cross and Hot Bath Water I have not experimented in frost, but judge them proportionable to the King's, upon which is grounded the 62. Observation.

*Observ. LXXV.*

That the Nitrous parts of the King's and Hot Baths shoot much alike, into strong, firm, and compacted Needles ; but the Cross Bath more faint, into small hoary Threads, slender, short, and brittle.

*Observ. LXXVI.*

That what I call Marle, is chiefly that insipid blew Earth which remains on the filtering paper after Calcination, and in part burns away to less in the Crucible, being the *Terra* adhering more nearly to the Salt, and in which (probably) the Sulphur doth reside.

*Observ. LXXVII.*

That the Crofs Bath Water hath lefs Gritt than the King's.

*Observ. LXXVIII.*

That the King's Bath hath as much Nitre as the Crofs, although the form of shooting be different.

*Observ. LXXIX.*

That the Water both of the King's and Crofs Baths, have an operation in Potion much alike, only the Crofs Bath drinks more pleasant, the reason of which may be gather'd from *Obs. 77.*

*Observ. LXXX.*

That the Bath-water cold will coagulate Milk.

*Observ. LXXXI.*

That  $\text{Dii.}$  of the impalpable Powder precipitated from the Bath-water with oyl of Tartar, and mixed with Spring-water, did not coagulate Milk, when 20 grains of Alom did it effectually.

Note,

That half a Pint of Water will turn the Milk; and that this quantity of the Powder is near as much as is contained in a Gallon.

*Ob-*

*Observ. LXXXII.*

That  $\text{Zi.}$  of the white Salt dissolved in half a Pint of Spring-water, and mixed with as much boyling Milk, made no alteration; whereas  $\text{Zi.}$  of Alom dissolved in like manner, made a clear Posset, with a hard Curd.

*Observ. LXXXIII.*

That the precipitated Powder, though fine, white, and impalpable, if precipitated, in Evaporation becomes more gross, browner, and gritty, and upon settlement leaves the bottom of the Water thick and white.

*Observ. LXXXIV.*

That the same Powder when precipitated, put on a red hot Iron Plate, neither boyls, crackles, nor melts, but lyes heavy, dead, and burns not at all.

Note,

That this impalpable Powder bears an equal proportion with, at least, if not exceeds all the Salts contained in the same.

*Observ. LXXXV.*

That the Infusion of the yellow Crocus, or Ochre, poured on a Solution of *Sal Chalybis*, with the addition of Galls, makes a deep purple first, and afterwards black.

*Ob-*



*Observ. LXXXVI.*

That the Bath-water receives no alteration by being close stopt with wax; nor will, unless by long standing, deposite any Sediment that way.

*Observ. LXXXVII.*

That the Salts do exhale; as is evident from this Observation. On the 20th. of *February*, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$ . the Cross Bath having been kept drawn 5 or 6 days, and the Water so low, that the tops of many of the Stones did appear above it, a Salt of the same nature with that which is extracted, was observed to adhere to the Stones above the Water, reverberated by the ambient air, the season then very frosty, and fixed on the Stones in the nature of a Candyed drop, or small white tip, or speck, resembled by some that saw it to the excrements of Birds; some of the Stones I brought away, which a month after abated nothing of their Saltness, neither would have done, if kept till this time. Mr. *Henry Dyer*, Serjeant of the Cross Bath, gave me notice of it as an unusual accident, and *Robert Baulch*, at the White Horse against the Hot Bath, collected a good quantity from the tops of the Stones, which he afterwards gave me for examination. It did melt on an Iron Plate, and left a Calx much like the Chrystals, the taste chiefly alcalifate. The like Concretion I observed a second time, 24 *Octob.* 1675.

Note,

That the King's Bath hath not yet afforded the like Observation, in regard the Water of that Bath cannot well be drawn so low. *Ob.*

*Observ. LXXXVIII.*

That an exact Pint of the Bath-water put into a Pint glass Bottle, and the height of the Water presently marked, the Bath-water cold subsided lower than the mark on the neck of the Bottle unstopt, the breadth of half an inch.

*Observ. LXXXIX.*

That the subsiding or seeming Vacuity, mentioned in the former Observation, did appear within the space of two hours, although the Bottle well fill'd was immediately stopt and seal'd.

## Note,

That Common Water waxt up warm, will subside in the neck of the Bottle, after the same manner as Bath-water doth: The Bottle top full, a void space of half an inch afterwards appearing,  
*Q. annon hic detur Vacuum?*

*Observ. XC.*

That the Sand of the Bath doth consist of Freestone-Gritt, Marle, Ochre, Shells, Rubrica, Chrysal Pebbles, and Sulphur; and that nothing Saline is contained in the same.

*Observ. XCI.*

That the Sand of the Bath dryed and weighed after the affusion of warm water on it, and has so continu'd for some time, is not sensibly diminisht  
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in its weight, of what it was of before the affusion of the water, neither is the water any thing saltier, but a little more rough.

*Observ. XCIII.*

That a large quantity of the Sand calcin'd in a Flemish Crucible, with as great a heat as could well be given, no Concretion was observed, but dead gritty ashes, neither did the water in which it was afterward infused, become more salt.

*Observ. XCIV.*

That the Sand of the Bath put on a red hot Iron Plate, and held in a dark place, burns very blew, and smells much of Sulphur, if only lying some time before a strong heat.

*Observ. XCV.*

That the Sand of the Bath on the affusion of Vinegar, or any acid Liquor, will ferment.

Note,

That Common Freestone, and Shells, will do the like.

*Observ. XCVI.*

That the Mud of the Bath dried will ferment as the Sand.

*Observ. XCVII.*

That the Mud of the Bath doth consist of a blew Marle, some Shelly, or Testaceous particles, and more Sulphur than the Sand. *Ob-*

*Observ. XCVIII.*

That the foul Contents of the Bath put into a Crucible for Calcination, in order to the making the Salt more pure, before the Marly or Muddy parts are consum'd, the Crucible then open'd, and the Contents touched with a Spatule, give a very strong stench of Brimstone, and burn as blew, as ever I saw any Sulphur do.

*Observ. XCIX.*

That the Mud it self hot hath a Sulphurous smell, and is very useful if apply'd in these external Distempers, which Sulphur doth relieve.

*Observ. C.*

That the Scum of the Bath arising usually most in *June*, *July*, and *August*, floating on the Surface of the Waters, dried into Cakes, burns like Stone-Pitch; and being once kindled, goes not out till all be consum'd.

*These Observations are made according to present Experiments; Anomalous Observations may be noted afterwards.*

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THE  
LIVES  
AND  
CHARACTER  
OF THE  
PHYSICIANS  
OF  
BATH,

From the Year, M D XC VIII,  
To this present Year, M DC LXXVI.

In which,  
Within the compass of Fourscore  
Years, is comprehended great part of the  
Lives of XVII. Physicians, which confirms the words  
of *Hippocrates*, in his first *Aphorism*;

*Ars Longa, Vita Brevis.*

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By T. G. M. B.

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L O N D O N,  
Printed for *Henry Brome*, M DC LXXVII.





TO THE  
READER.

Courteous Reader,



*Although he that writes the  
Life of another man, doth  
almost the same thing as he  
that takes upon him the  
care of a friend in Trust,  
which, however faithfully  
discharged, is oftentimes  
accounted but a Thankless office; yet I have  
adventured to give in the following Papers, a  
brief account of some particulars relating to the  
Physicians of Bathe, with all the Truth and  
Candour that I can; and if my Expressions,  
which I have smoothed what I may, in a few  
places seem to grate and bear hard upon some, I  
would have those consider that shall take excep-  
tion at it, that 'tis not my fault I had not bet-  
ter matter; and if I have proceeded as near as  
I could, according to the Subject, as I'm sure is  
done, it will appear that I have not industri-  
ously abused the dead, or distasted the living,*  
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## To the Reader.

*used distributive Justice, in giving every one his due.*

*This may also encourage others that have the like opportunity, to do the same, that so those modest Meal-mouths, that think it too great an honour to publish any thing in their own time, (whereby I am perswaded Learning hath been more injured than by any one thing whatsoever, good Copies by this means falling afterwards into the hands of corrupt and illiterate persons) may not want their just commendation; and those that keep their own breath, as we say, to cool their Pottage in a Chimney-corner. may have this good use of another mans. Whether well or ill, Quod scripsi, scripsi, and so Farewel.*

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Lives and Character  
OF THE  
PHYSICIANS  
OF  
B A T H E.

**H**AVING hitherto discoursed of the Waters and City, I think it not improper here to give some account of the PHYSICIANS of *Bathe*, both in regard they have been as eminent as any, I think, in any part of *England*, and also for the most part have been continued in a *Series* of Judicious, able men, well qualified and graduated in Universities, which deserve the greatest and most particular mention here. And although I would have wished, that they had signaliz'd themselves on the place,

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by some other way besides their practice, by which more remarkable Memorials would have remained to posterity, and been a good occasion of my Commendation; yet since they were pleased, for reasons best known to themselves, to pass by the thing that best deserv'd their consideration, I mean the nature of the Waters, (only one or two having written of them) I shall not make them the like requital, but give what account I either know or can procure, and gather up the fragments of their Memories that remain. And first of Doctor *Reuben Sherwood*.

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1. Doctor *Reuben Sherwood*.

OF Dr. *Reuben Sherwood*, the first Physician I meet with any remembrance of, I can give no other account than that he died here *Anno Dom.* 1598.

2. Dr. *Thomas Elton*.

DOCTOR *Thomas Elton* 'tis likely was contemporary with Dr. *Sherwood*, or not long after, whom he survived twenty years, and was buried at *Bathe*, Aug. 11. 1618; A well bred Gentleman, obliging and affable.

3. Dr.

3. Dr. *John Sherwood*.

AT the same time also flourished Dr. *John Sherwood*, graduated in the University of *Cambridge*, who died two years after Dr. *Elton*, and was buried in the Church of St. *Peter and Paul*, in the South-Isle, as appears by this indifferent poetry on a piece of Brass against the Wall; in which he is recommended to posterity with this bare Title: *Joannes Sherwood Doctor Med. Sepultus 16 Febr. 1620.*

The Verses these;

*Conditur hic Sherwood, medicâ præclarus in arte  
Doct̃or, adhuc cujus fama cerusca volat :  
Ossa licet lateant hujus sub mole sepulchri,  
Spiritus æthereâ vivit in arce poli.*

Which may thus be answerably translated :

Here famous Doctor *Sherwood* lies,  
Whose skill in Physick Lore  
Was great, and his bright Fame yet flies,  
Both now and evermore.  
Although within this Tomb his bones  
Are hidden out of sight,  
His Soul, not pent within these stones,  
To Heav'n hath ta'n her flight.

Of him I can learn nothing more observable,  
than that he was of the *Romish* Religion, and a  
good Housekeeper.

## 4. Doctor Edward Jorden.

Concerning Dr. Jorden, whose Name is yet fresh, and memory very acceptable to all that knew him, having left the deserved Reputation of a Learned, Candid, and Sober Physician: I have written something heretofore, and shall only here again mention some particulars more nearly relating to his person and condition.

Doctor Jorden, I understand, was a Gentleman of a good Family, and, being a younger Brother, designed for a Profession, for which when he had accomplish't himself, by a convenient course of studies in his own Country, he travelled abroad to see the Manners and Customs of the Universities beyond Sea. and having spent some time there, especially at *Padua*, where he took the degree of Doctor in Physick, returned home, practiced at *London*, became an eminently solid and rational Philosopher and Physician, and one of that famous and learned Society, *The Kings Colledge of the Physicians there*.

He had a natural inclination to Mineral works, and was at great charges about the ordering of *Alom*, which succeeding not according to expectation, he was thereby much prejudic'd in his estate, as appears from these words in the seventh Chapter of his Treatise of *Nat. Bathes and Mineral Waters*; Now I come to *Allum* (*Indignum vix ipsa jubet renovare dolorem*,) the greatest debtor I have, and I the greatest benefactor to it, as shall appear when I think fit to publish the artifice thereof. For the Patent or Grant for the profit of the *Alom* works, which he reasonably did expect,  
fell

fell afterwards, I know not how, to *Sr. Arthur Ingram's* lot, although the Doctor also had a good share in the affection of *King James*.

After he had practised sometime in *London*, he settled at *Bathe*, where living many years, and having Children not a few, his conversation was so sweet, his carriage so obliging, and his life so answerable to the port and dignity of the faculty he professed, that he had the applause of the Learned, the respect of the Rich, the prayers of the Poor, and the love of all. But living a studious and sedentary life, which might encourage his two grand distempers he labours under, the Stone and Gout, departed this life in the great Climacterical year of his age 63, and of our Saviours Nativity 1632, lying buried in the South Isle of the Abbey Church, but without a Monument, or any Inscription. And thus much for *Dr. Jorden* who was the first Physician that writ any thing of the Waters, that resided on the place.

#### 5. Doctor *Edward Lapworth*.

**D**OCTOR *Lapworth* was bred up in the famous University of *Oxford*, and a member of that flourishing Society, *Magdalen* Colledge there, where he proceeded Doctor in a solemn Act in the year 1611, with two eminent Physicians his contemporaries, *Dr. Simon Baskervill*, and *Dr. Thomas Clayton*.

His correspondence was good with *Jorden*, being both at one time practitioners on the place, as appears from the verses he hath prefixt to *Dr. Jorden* in *Laudem operis*. He had only one Daughter, who being married out of this place, caused his

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Name to be extinct here, lying buried in the North Isle of the Abbey Church in *Bathe*, and deserv'd a better Epitaph than this *English* Inscription cut round the Stone that lies over him :

*Here lieth the Body of Edward Lapworth, Doctor in Physick, who deceased  
24 of May, An. Dom. 1636.*

His age I guess was near 60. As to his gifts of Mind they are doubtless beyond exception, having been so well educated, and a professour, if I mistake not, in *Oxford*, which gave some interruption to his practice here ; being in body not tall, fat and corpulent, which inclin'd him the more to take his ease.

### 6. Doctor *Tobias Venner*.

DOCTOR *Tobias Venner* was born at *Petherton* near *Bridgwater* in the County of *Somerset*, of honest Parents, who sent him to *Oxford*, where he was made Doctor in Physick to the great repute of his own family, and *Alban Hall*, in the year 1613. He lived many years at *Bathe*, and had the Name of a plain, charitable Physician, but no ready man at stating a Case, which occasion'd one, a little tartly, to say, *That whereas some other men had,* (according to the common Phrase) *Guts in their Brains ; Dr. Venners Brains were in his Guts.* However he found the right way to write a book called *Via recta ad vitam longam*, wherein is this memorable Observation, *That a Gammon of Bacon is of the same nature with the rest of the Hog.* He wrote also a little discourse of *Bathe*, thereby expressing



pressing his good will to the Waters, which had it been bigger he should have had more thanks, but being very small, must be contented with the like commendation.

He lived to see both his Wives, and all his Children die before him, and left his Estate to the Relations by his second wife now in *Bathe* :

*The Ashes of this grave,  
No Phoenix, but Chimera gave,  
The Head, the Feet, about the Thigh,  
A Duck, a Mouse, a Butterflie.*

*A Riddle.*

I can give no better account of him than a Friend of his hath done in this *Epitaph*, to be seen engraven in a Marble Table, in the middle of a massie Monument of Freestone against the East Wall of the South Isle, in the greatest Church of *Bathe*, under his Effigies in this manner.

SISTE VIATOR  
PAUCIS TE VOLO

JUXTA HIC SITUS EST VENNERI VENERANDUS CINIS  
INTER MORTUORUM CLAUSTRA MORTUUS JACET  
MAGNUS MODO MORTIS ANTAGONISTA  
DOCTOR ET DECOR MEDICINÆ  
CUJUS SUPERBIAM NON FORMIDABANT ÆGRI  
UTI NEC CONCULCABANT FACILITATEM  
AUXILIUM ENIM  
NEC

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NEC SORDIDE OBTULIT

NEC FASTIDIOSE NEGAVIT

IN HOC CONVERSATIONIS SUAVITATI

IN ILLO PROFESSIONIS DIGNITATI

PROSPICIENS

PAUPERUM ET DIVITUM MEDICUS

HORUM QUOD MEDICINAM

ILLORUM QUOD CHARITATEM

SOLUS HIC TAMDIU EXERCUISSET

HORUM QUIDEM OMNIUM APPLAUSU

ILLORUM CIVITATIS HUIUS DELECTU

NEC PLUS DEFUIT SANIS QUAM ÆGRIS PAUPERIBUS

MANU NON PARCA EXHIBENS

HIS MEDICINAM

ILLIS ALIMONIAM

VIAM RECTAM AD VITAM LONGAM

NON MONSTRAVIT MODO SED ET PERAMBULAVIT

THEORIAM UNIUS ANNI CONFIRMANS PRAXI 85

TANDEM ITINERANDO DEFESSUS DISCUBUIT

ET IN HOC DORMITORIO OBDORMIT

GRATA MEMORIA DIGNISSIMUS

DOCTOR TOBIAS VENNER

QUI

QUI

NATUS PETHERTONIÆ

EDUCATUS OXONIÆ

OBIIT BATHONIÆ

MART. 27.

1660.

The Author of this Epitaph, for who made it is uncertain, seems rather to me to have been a Divine than a Physician, for which conjecture I have these Reasons :

1. That the form thereof is borrowed from one made on Doctor *Daniel Featley*, now in *Lambeth*, as I could clearly make appear by comparing the Expressions, as I have sometime done, and for the satisfaction of any that desire it, may without a journey thither, be read, *mutatis mutandis*, in Doctor *Featley's* Book against the Anabaptists, where it is copied, and whence it was probably taken. Now a Physician, I conceive, would never have taken pattern from a Divine, to make an Epitaph on his own faculty, which is proper for a Divine, being more his concern.

2. *Venerandus* is a word suiting better with a Divine, and a more proper Epithete than for a Physician, as *Reverendus* & *Venerabilis*; and is most likely to have come from one whose tongue was tipp'd with such language, who would rather chuse to run the risque of an impropriety in speech, than lose the honour of a jingling quibble.

3. 'Tis probable this Epitaph was made near a Church, and that either when the Bells were going,

ing, or else in imitation of that sound, as may appear from the Chime of *Hoc* and *Illo*, *Horum* and *Illorum*, *His* and *Illis*, with the great pains taken to observe the Cadences so exactly as is done.

4. In the fourth place, the word *plus* is somewhat suspicious, by which we must understand *Minus*, otherwise, *Nec plus defuit sanis quam aegris pauperibus*, may bear this sense, and not well any other, that the Doctor was wanting both to the one and the other, when the Author, I suppose, meant he was wanting to neither. Now *Plus* is a fit word for a divine, and might the sooner have been made choice of for this, that 'tis the origin or source of the word *Plurality*.

Fifthly and lastly; No Physician would have used that Expression, *Theoriam unius anni confirmans Praxi* 85, by which Doctor Venner is made a Practitioner from his Mothers womb, and longer a Physician than St. John Baptist was a Prophet, which in it self being somewhat harsh, though taken in relation to his course of life, where the life of that expression lay, can proceed from none but a Divine, who oftentimes will be nibbling at Physick.

Again, for I reserved something for a second part, That expression is justly liable to exception, *Quod Charitatem solus hic tamdiu exercuisset*, wherein Dr. Venner is made the only Charitable person in *Bathe*, whereas there were then living, besides some Charitable Inhabitants of another stamp, three or four more Physicians there, whose Charity, though perhaps not so rampant as Dr. Venners, was enough both in food and Physick to call the truth of that expression into question.

And

And although this necessary requisite to every good Christian that is in a condition so to do, be not with that ostentation put into the Epitaph of Dr. *Baue*. Yet I have heard a good Character of him also in this kind, and do know many poor persons now alive in *Bathe*, that will affirm they have received good Alms and Physick too from his Charity. I confesse *Tamdiu* may do some service here, to this effect, that Dr. *Venner* vvas the only man that was charitable here so long, which, though it may abate somewhat, doth not take off the arrogance of *Solus*, which, like the Sun, never appears without reflection. I vwrite not this to derogate from Dr. *Venner*, or disparage the Epitaph, having that esteem for both they do deserve; but as the Devil, we say, should have his due, so I think, 'tis not fitting a Saint should have more. And thus much for the Charitable Dr. *Venner*.

### 7. Dr. Ralph Bayly.

DOCTOR Ralph Bayly, of whom I am next to treat, was well known to all his Collegues of *New-Colledge* in *Oxon*, where he had his Education, to be as stout a man as that Society hath yielded, having in his Temper an equal mixture of *Mars* and *Mercury*, or rather, born under the predominium of *Mars*, as he hath often evidenced when he long'd for Venison, though sometimes bought at a dear rate.

Doctor Bayly was born in *Berkshire*, descended of a good Family in that County, whose Coat-armour is, *In a field Gules, three Martlets*; or, *A Chief Vairy Argent of Azure*. Having spent some time in *Winchester* School, that fruitful Seminary of  
Learn-



Learning, he was in due time transplanted to *New-Colledge* in *Oxford*, where he gradually proceeded with good applause, till he arrived at the perfection of Doctor of Physick, which hapned in the year 1618. By two Wives, the one a *Quintin*, the other a *Hungerford*, both comely Women; he had issue both Male and Female.

His eldest Son *Walter*, my intimate friend and acquaintance, he educated in the University, in *Magdalen Hall* in *Oxford*; but finding his genius not so much inclining him to Learning, though he was a great admirer of it, and had much respect for any Scholar that was truly so, and had Learning enough himself to render him facetious, and as good company as any man could wish; finding, I say, his genius not so much bent to study, he rather chose a gentile Education, and being very acceptable to all persons of Quality, especially the Gentry of *Hampshire*, in particular Sr. *Richard Gifford* of *Sumburne*, *Henry Ludlow* of *Tadley* Esquire, and many others, where he used to hunt and recreate with all the kindness imaginable; at last, on the death of his Father took to the Estate, and settled at *Bathe* in the same house the Doctor enjoy'd, where he lived plentifully many years, and saw an end of all his Generation, till at length, for Death is the end as well of the good Companion as the Sot, of a lingring distemper, being much obstructed in the Mesentery and Urinary passages; he ended this life about the sixtieth year of his age, on the 15 day of *November*, *An. Dom. 1672*, and is buried in the Abbey Church in *Bathe*.

Doctor *Bayly* is further remarkable in this, that he is the only man save one, of any Phylician that lived here; that had a Son of his own Profession, which was Mr. *Thomas Bayly*, by his second Wife  
Mrs.

Mrs. *Hungerford*, an Ingenious man, and good Physician, of whom his Brother would often speak with much affection and respect, who in the beginning of the Wars, when no Acts were kept, was with many others, created Doctor *An. Dom.* 1642, and practising at *Newbury* in *Berkshire*, with good success and reputation, died of a high infection in the prime of his years, not long after. He was much encouraged to the Delivery of Women, being fitted for that service both by art and nature.

It is also further observable in Doctor *Ralph Bayly*, that although he had good practise, and prescribed to many Patients, yet such was his good Temper of Nature, and Temperance withal, that he never took any Physick himself, or made use of the Bath, being never sick in all his life; which fell the heavier on him, according to the vulgar observation; for going from his house at *Bathe* to another he had at *Widcombe*, a mile distant, he was suddenly taken with a great faintness, insomuch as he was constrained to call at a Neighbours house before he came to his own, to desire something to refresh him, using these words, *as God shall mend me*, which was his usual saying, *I am ill*, and presently departed, and was buried at *Widcombe*, Nov. 16. 1645.

He was a proper, Comely person, charitable, and well read in the Ancient learning, witness a good Collection of old Authors, well markt with his own Hand, now in my possession. And so much for Dr. *Ralph Bayly*, being the only man, I think, that ever liv'd and dy'd without pain.

8. *Sr. Edward Greaves.*

**D**OCTOR *Edward Greaves* ought also to have a mention here, having sometime liv'd and practis'd in this place ( to which he hath relation yet) till his deserts preferr'd him to what he now enjoys, concerning whom, to avoid the imputation of flattery, vvhich I ever hated, I shall say no more, than that he is full of Honour, Wealth and years, being a Baronet, one of the Colledge of Physicians in *London*, Physician in ordinary to his Majesty, and 35 years Doctor in Physick, which he took being Fellow of *All-Souls* Colledge in *Oxford*, *An.Dom.* 1641.

9. *Doctor Samuel Baue.*

**W**ITH Doctor *Baue* I had the happines to have a particular acquaintance, being the eldest Physician on the place at my coming hither, in the year 1667; and although many things are observable in his life and practise, having lived to see compleated fourscore years, yet I shall contract my self as much as may be, in regard I would not be tedious in a thing that ought to be brief.

Doctor *Baue* was born in the remarkable year 1588, at *Colen* in *Germany*, of a good Family, as appears by a good Coat of Arms brought thence, vvhence he came young for *England*, on occasion, as he told me, of his being Tutor to *Sr. Thomas Edmond's* Son, which *Sr. Thomas* vvas Ambassadour from

from King *James* at *Paris* ; vvhere Mr. *Baue* was then a Student, in which Family, and about the Court, he continued some time vvith an honourable allowance from the Knight, but chiefly bent his studies to the faculty of Phylick, in order to which he afterwards became a Member of that great Body and famous Society of *Christ-Church* Colledge in *Oxford* ; vvhere he proceeded Doctor in Phylick in the year 1628, vvith three other Physicians that vvent out vvith him, viz. Dr. *Taylor*, and Dr. *Speed* of *St. Johns*, and Dr. *Saunders* of *Oriel*, at a very splendid Act.

The first beginning of his publick Practise vvvas at *Glocester*, being invited thither by one *Whittington* an Apothecary, vvhere though his condition could not be expected to be extraordinary, having no Natural, but acquired Friends in *England*, yet in time he made his own fortunes, and so vvell improv'd his small Talent at first, as to leave behind him, besides what he parted with in his life time which was not inconsiderable ) the best estate of any Physician that died in *Bathe*. And I have often heard him bleſs God for that good ſucceſs he had given his undertakings, and the prosperous condition he had brought him to, not without a modest humble reflection on what no man had any reason to be aſham'd of, in the words of good Old *Jacob*, in the like condition, *With my ſtaff have I paſſed over this Jordan, and now the Lord hath made me many bands.* Which is more than many men have ſaid, that have been raiſed to greater Eſtates by leſs ſkill or pains, it being no diſparagement to any man to have a beginning, ſince none but God but had ſo ; and a gatherer, though the firſt riſe of a Family, is much better than him that ſcatters through many Generations.

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After he had been some time in *Glocester*, his Parts and Learning procured the good opinion of Alderman *Robinson*, a wealthy Citizen, and Counsellor at Law, whose Daughter he married, with vvhom he lived many years, and had Sons and Daughters. From *Glocester* he removed to *Bathe*, about the year 1640, where practising with admirable success, for near thirty years, and maintaining a mighty riding practise, died in a good old age, in his eightieth year, as may further appear by this Epitaph I caused to be engraven in Marble on a handsom Monument, erected by his Wife Mrs. *Hester Baue* in the South Isle of the Abbey Church, as followeth :

P.

S.

QUI SQUIS ES

QUI NON FASTIDIS CADAVERIBUS INTERESSE  
NEC FUNCTORUM VITA QUICQUAM TIBI EST MOLESTA  
(MEMORIA  
SCIAS VELIM

JUXTA CONDI BEATAM RESURRECTIONEM MANENS  
QUICQUID ERAT MORTALE

S A M U E L I S   B A U E

MEDICINARUM DOCTORIS ET IN HAC CIVITATE HAUD  
(ITA PRIDEM  
PRAXIN EXERCENTIS

MAJORI FELICITATE AN SEDULITATE INCERTUM  
MOREORUM PERDUELLIS, FACULTATIS VINDICIS, EMPI-  
(RICORUM MALLEI

QUE M

COLO.



COLONIÆ AGRIPPINÆ NATUM

ET IN VARIIS ACADEMIIS IN QUIBUS OXONIA EDUCTUM  
GLOCESTRIA PRIMITUS EXCEPIT DEIN BATHONIA

U B I

POSTQUAM PER ANNORUM PRÆTER <sup>(CURRICULUM</sup> PROPTER XXX.

NON SINE MAGNO FAMILIARIS REI INCREMENTO  
NEC MINORI ÆGROTANTIUM TAMEGENORUM QUAM DI-  
MEDICINAM FECISSET <sup>(VITUM LEVAMINE</sup>

ET DE MORBIS CUJUSCUNQUE GENERIS TRIUMPHOS  
TANDEM <sup>(EGISSET</sup>

HUMANÆ SORTIS MISERIAS PERTÆSUS

MORTI ULTRO SE TRADIDIT

A C

ÆTERNIS BEATITUDINIBUS FRUI EXOPTANS

CARNIS EXUVIAS LÆTUS DEPOSUIT

E T

MORTALITATI NON VITÆ VALEDIXIT

Vto. DIE AUGUSTI

ANNO ÆRÆ CHRISTIANÆ

M DC LXVIII.

ÆTATIS SUÆ

LXXX.

OBDORMIUNT ETIAM NON PROCUL ABHINC  
 DOCTORE PRÆDICTO ET ESTERA UXORE EJUS ORIUN-  
 (DUM  
 DUPLEX PAR  
 MASCULUM UNUM ALTERUM FOEMINEUM  
 MAJOR NATU MARIA RIDLEY MINOR ESTERA BARNES  
 JOANNES INSUPER ET FRANCISCUS UTERQUE COELEBS  
 VITAMQUE JAM UT SPERATUR AGENS  
 VERE COELESTEM.

He was besides an able Physician, well vers't in the *High-dutch*, *Low-dutch*, and *French* Tongues, but above all eminent in the *Latin*, which he wrote and spake very fluent and proper.

He met with no kind usage toward the latter end of his daies from one whom he had formerly sufficiently obliged, who, because I hope he hath or may live long enough to repent his unhandsom carriage to him, and some others of the faculty, shall only here be markt with the Letter, *I. F.*

He had an excellent memory, and ready invention, insomuch as having much business, and using two *Amannenses*, he would write himself, and dictate to the other two, at the same time, in several Languages.

He was also very happy in, the glory of a Physician, the Cure of Chronical distempers, which he effected chiefly by Chalybeat Medicines, which, he was wont to say, were as true as Steel; but a little too much addicted to the vanity of *Nostrums*, which he being many times unwilling to discover, caused some dislike on consultation with others.

He

He was by Nature not so affable, but somewhat morose, and hated an Emperick, though made use of his Medicines. In short, He was an industrious man, an able Physician, and much in the favour of that great Physician of his Time Sir *Theodore Mayer*, between whom many Letters passed, on Commendation of Patients, chiefly French. And so I pass on to Dr. *Maplet*.

10. Dr. *John Maplet*.

DOCTOR *John Maplet* was born in *London*, bred at *Westminster-School*, and afterwards removed to *Christ-Church* in *Oxford*, where he was first Proctor of the University, then Doctor of Physick, in the year \* 1647. and after that Principal of *Glocester-Hall*; a man well accomplisht as a Gentleman and a Scholar, meek, sober, and temperate, beloved and respected by all that knew him.

\* When he had his Grace, but kept no Aet till 1654.

While he was in the University, he had an opportunity by accompanying the Lord Viscount *Falkland*, to whom he was Tutor, to Travel, and accordingly went in the year 1650. into *France*, where he continued near two years, chiefly at *Orleans*, *Blays* and *Saumur*, and made many Observations on those Countreys, which he committed to Writing in a neat and curious Hand, in some Epistles now with me, with a particular Tract of his Travels, in an elegant Latin Style, which I may sometime or other make publick, and do further right to the memory of this Worthy Person.

A second time he Travell'd into *Holland* and the *Low-Countries*, with my Lord *Falkland*, then Viscount, on the death of his elder Brother, whom before he had accompanied into *France*, the young

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Lord *Scudamore*, and Sir *Henry Jones*, who lost his life by an unfortunate Shot at the late Siege of *Maeſtricht*, and at his return, or ſhortly after, married Mrs. *Anne Hull* of *Briſtol*, where he uſually practiſed in the Winter time, and at *Bathe* in the Summer.

D. Wall of  
Chr. Ch.  
Oxon.

And although he left a good Eſtate, conſidering the ſmall time he had for practice, dying not old, and ſpending much of his time at firſt abroad, yet I muſt ſay, he had no right done him, by one that pretended much kindneſs to him, on whom, to my knowledg, he had reaſon to depend, and whom he not only courted and honoured as a Patron, but had almoſt the ſame Reverence for as for a Father, as doth appear by that Volume of familiar Latin Epiſtles, I have by me directed to him for the whole ſpace of 16 years, viz. from the year 1650. in which he travell'd, to the year 1666. But ſeeing that Cunning Fox is now earth'd, I ſhall not dig after him; but proceed to ſome other Particulars, of no Vulpone alike under ground.

He was of a tender, brittle Conſtitution, inclining to feminine, clear ſkin'd, and of a very freſh Complexion, and though very temperate, as I ſaid before, yet inclinable to Rheumatick Diſtempers, chiefly Gouts and Catarrhs, which would oftentimes confine his Body, but not his Mind, which was then more at liberty to expatiate, and give ſome invitation to his Poetick Genius, which was very good, to deſcant on the Tormenter, and tranſmute his Sorrow into a Scene of Mirth. I ſhall mention one or two out of the Manuſcripts I have, becauſe Ingenious and ſhort.

The first is,

*De Catarrhi in oculorum alterum defluxu ad  
Amicum singularem D. D. Wall.*

**S** Pongia præmadidi collis mihi clausa cerebri est,  
 Expressoq; oculum degravat imbre meum ;  
 Omnis ab infuso turgescit Venula succo,  
 Nec siccum hoc aqueo cernis in orbe locum,  
 Ingratum Phæbi lumen : transire fenestras  
 Auroram roseo nil juvat ore meas.  
 Nil juvat in foculo lignorum lucida Strages,  
 Pyramidesve alta quas sibi flamma facit.  
 Nil florum splendor : species nil pulchra colorum,  
 Hos si vel proprio fundis ab ore, Venus.  
 Delicias oculo facitis qui forte serenat,  
 Cui gratum est quicquid, dum micat ipse, micat :  
 Sed pluvias, & acre serum immingente Catarrho,  
 Solamen Tenebræ lumine majus habent,  
 Defluvium pacant quæ sunt expertia lucis,  
 Ni tamen è vultu lux ruat illa Tuo.  
 Nam de Te radius mulcet fulgore Catarrhum,  
 Opticus & mihi quem frons Tua vibrat, erit.  
 Sufficit in reliquis obscuræ noctis imago,  
 De Te sed veniet quæq; serena dies.



Another is,

*De Catarrhi Fugâ.*

**F**Are, ubi diluvium est? mihi tandem exaruit orbis,  
 Absumptasq; sum continet amnis aquas.  
 Ordo Naturæ rerum & Simulachra recurrunt,  
 Et minimas atomos sicca pupilla capit.  
 Non fontem, sed puniceum jam cernis ocellum,  
 Et Viçior lachrymis fræna dat ille suis.  
 Splendore ingenito lucet ChrySTALLINA sedes,  
 Cui fuscæ ecclipsin guttula nulla parit.  
 Jam licet immittas, oculorum Phæbe, fenestris  
 Te totum, Sphæra est illa, vel illa, capax.  
 Pulchra veni, si quando lubet, Tu Flora, colores,  
 Seu facies istos, seu Tuus hortus alit.  
 Nil jam divinum lumen, jam palpebra nullum  
 Excludit, mihi Nox atq; Catarrhus abest.  
 Plus tamen hoc gratum est quod non circumfluit humor,  
 Vultum qui possit dimidiare Tuum.  
 Nam mihi quem lippo referebant vivida velâ,  
 Integer haud fuerat, pars erat illa Tui.  
 Te fruor, atq; oculi speculo, sed dulcius illud  
 Quam speculi, quod pars perditâ nulla Tui est.

The

The good Doctor was very sensible of his approaching end, and well knew, that all the props of Art were too weak to support his crazy Temper, and therefore was not of the number of those that are blamed for having gray hairs creeping on them, but not regarding it ; for he made these Excellent Verses *In Primam Canitiem*, which shall be the last of his I shall mention here.

*Humida jam Nivibus sparguntur Tempora primis,  
Et fuscam intingunt albida fila comam.  
Sentio quam tacite non intellecta Senectus  
Obrepat ; nos Ver credimus, instat Hyems.  
Hæc si tarde scat, mox infert Cura senectam,  
Mensq; dies citò quod non facit, ipsa facit.  
En quoties morimur? succos sive exedit hora,  
Sive hos degeneres turbida Cura parat.  
Grata mihi veniunt tamen hæc præludia fati,  
Morsq; his primitiis, quàm ferit, ante monet.  
Respicias animum, Tibi det Prudentia canos,  
Atq; annos Virtus præeat alma tuos.  
Hoc decet, hoc pulchrum est, atq; hoc canescere divum est,  
Fædus eris canus Vertice, mente Puer.*

## The Lives and Character

I have not adventured to Translate the two former Copies on the Catarrh, in regard I think they cannot be so aptly expressed in any other language, those Verses, as many others, sounding best in their own words; yet as a foyl to the Doctor's Jewel, to render it more radiant, I have attempted a Translation of the last, thus:

### *On the First gray Hairs.*

On Temples moist first Snow is shed,  
Twist, brown and white, is on my Head;  
Old age creeps on, that Silent Thing,  
Winter's at hand, We call it Spring.  
If this delay, Care brings on age,  
And thoughtfulness prevents Time's rage.  
How oft we die? whe'r Time devour  
Or Toilsome Care our Juyces four.  
Welcome these Monitors of Death;  
Death stops not now, but warns, my breath.  
In prudent mind see Thou be sage,  
Let Virtue older be than Age.  
Thus to be gray is meet and good,  
For God grows gray thus understood;  
And 'tis indecent to behold  
A Boyish Soul, a Body old.

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His Body being macerated by a weaknes of the Tone of all the Parts, by degrees languished to that measure, that confined him for some few days to his Chamber and Bed, and a flux of blood supervening from the Hemorrhoides, which, though stopp'd in time, gave him little hopes of recovery, and therefore after the use of many means in vain attempted, he resigned himself to death, which in a short time ensued.

One thing I must remind, as an argument of his Contentedness to leave this World, That after my self, and Mr. *Rob. Chapman* his Apothecary, who attended him in his sickness, had left him, and taken our leaves of this dying Friend, an Eminent Physician of his former acquaintance coming accidentally to Town, and hearing the Doctor was so dangerously ill, made what hast he could to pay him his respects, and enquiring of Mrs. *Maplet* how the Doctor did, and she replying, without any hope of Life, he, in kindness, said, *If he were not dead, he would do his utmost endeavour to recover him*; and desired her to acquaint him with as much, which she did; but the Doctor replied in his modest manner, *Pray remember my Service to Sr. Richard, and let him know that I thank him for his visit, but am past his cure and anybody's else, and shall take it as a kindness, if in the condition I am now in I am not troubled*; and the same night parted with this Life for a better, according to the Motto of the Rings at his Funeral, *Morior ut vivam*.

He wrote several Latin Epistles, in which he had a singular faculty, (which, with some Poems, and a few Observations, were the greatest part of his Writings he left behind) as well to the most Eminent Sir *Alexander Fraiser* Knight, and Principal Physician to his Majesty, his Learned and good Friend

Friend Sir *John Baber*, with whom he had an intimate acquaintance, *Sir Francis Prujean*, *Dr. Bate*, *Dr. Meara*, *Dr. Nedham*, and others at home, as also to some abroad, particularly *Dr. Neal* of *Leedes*, and *Dr. Bennet* of *Saumur*, where he was very sick, and recover'd from an imminent danger of death, by the help and assistance of this Phylician, as he most pertinently exprest in one Epistle, in which are these words; *Sed & Silente illa Comitatis Tue voce, resuscitata Mibi Tu ope Sanitas, ad hoc scribendi officium, nullo etiam si alio devinctum nomine, adegisset, ut qui fuerit conservatum Corpus, Corporis saltem pars manus recognosceret. Per Tuam scilicet Apollineam manum, in suo restoruit domicilio, robustius ille vigor, quo itinerum aut suscipere labores, aut perferre debueram.*

I shall end the Life of *Dr. Maplet*, with one expression of his kindness to me, and another of mine in return to himself.

The first is, That on the setting up of *Dr. Bave's* Monument, there having been some envious spirits that rais'd a discourse to the disparagement of that Epitaph, I was constrained to appeal to this Worthy Judge of Learning for a Censure, which I did in these words. *Censuram Tuam, Vir Doctissime, de hoc Epitaphio liberam & vere criticam peto obnixè; Utrum Prisciani, ut dicitur, Capiti vulnus aliquod sit inflicium, quemadmodum Tenebrio quidam anonymus, cui sinciput uti suspicor, parum sanum est, deblai erat, fac ut sciat Tui Observantissimus.* To which the Candid Doctor returned this answer; *Cur dicam Tibi Epitaphii hujus causâ scribat ulam, aut ferulæ plagam cur jubeat retribui, ob vulnus aliquod in Capite suo inde acceptum, omnino non habet Priscianus. A Tuo, ut ab Eruditorum calamis solet, illæsus permanet, debitoq; fruitur honore; si vero Be-*  
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*atitudines in plurali, apud authores politos infrequentius legamus, haud ideo in Grammaticen peccatur; sed & isti numero Hebræorum idioma de Cælesti loquentium felicitate, quod Te callere scio, forte favet. Ecce quam libere Tecum & sincere, prout ipse jubes, ago; quod ipsum amoris studiiq; erga Te mei certissimum quoddam pignus esto. Tibi deditissimus.*

The other I call a kindness to Him, is an Epitaph much short of his desert, now standing in the North-Isle of the Abbey Church in *Bathe*, which out of the great respect I had to the memory of my Worthy and Learned Friend, I presented to Mrs. *Maplet*, and is now cut in a black Marble Table well adorn'd, and set in the midst of a neat Monument of Alabaster, in these words :

CONDITUR

CONDITUR HIC

JOANNES MAPLET M. D.

TRINO BANTIBUS ORIUNDUS

ANIMI CORPORISQUE BONIS PRAEDITUS

ERUDITIONE MODESTIA ET COMITATE

PAUCIS SECUNDUS

ARTIUM ET SCIENTIARUM OMNIUM PANOPLIA IN-  
REI AUTEM MEDICAE ADEO PERITUS (STRUCTUS

UT EXEMPLUM DESIDERETUR

PROFUIT QUIBUS POTUIT

OBFUIT NEMINI

ACADEMIAM PATRIAM OXONIENSEM

UBI PLURES ANNOS VIXIT

EXTERIS ETIAM NON INSALUTATIS

BATHONIAM ET BRISTOLIAM

UBI PARTITIS ANNI VICIBUS

FECIT MEDICINAM

NON MINUS VIRTUTUM SUARUM EXEMPLO, QUAM  
HONESTAVIT (PRAXI

OBIIT

of the Physicians of Bath.

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OBIIT PRIDIE NONAS SEXTILES

ANNO CHRISTI INCARNATI

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CUJUS OSSA CUBENT MOLLITER.

His Wife also enjoying little health afterwards, being Paralytick and Convulsive, died Apoplectick, the 14th. of *February* following, only 6 months and 12 days surviving the Doctor, of whom, as also of two Children *John* and *Mary*, lying on both sides of the Parents, this remembrance may be seen in a little Marble Table under the former.

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SEPELITUR ETIAM JUXTA  
ANNA UXOR EJUS  
SEX TANTUM MENSES ET DECEM DIES  
MARITO SUPERSTES  
OBIIT XIV FEBR. ANO DNI MDCLXX  
ANNOS NATA XXXV.  
INTER PARENTES QUOQUE QUASI IN LECTO  
PLACIDE OBDORMIUNT  
CONJUGII SUI PIGNORA CHARISSIMA  
JOANNES ET MARIA  
HAEC TRIMESTRIS ILLE TRIENNIS  
OMNESQUE  
RESURRECTIONEM FELICEM  
UNA EXPECTANT.

His style in Latin was terse, his words choice, but his Periods a little too elaborate. And thus much for the Learned, Candid, and Ingenious Dr. Maplet, a good Physician, a better Christian, and an excellent Poet.

On Themison.

When many Autumns Themison had past,  
He Master of a great house was at last ;  
Another passing by, and viewing it,  
Said, *Here's a great head, but, pray, where's the wit.*  
The House was great, the Furniture but small,  
The Head had skull, but had no brain at all.

*Ultimus hic ego sum, sed quam benè, quam malè, nolo*  
*Dicere, de me qui judicet alter erit.*

D. John-  
son de  
Seipso.

I am the last, but whether Bee, or Drone,  
Anothers pen shall write, and not my own.

Others also there were good Practitioners on  
the place, though not of that degree. The first  
of which is ;

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Mr. Thomas



Mr. Thomas Leyson.

**T**His Physician was a *Welchman*, but of what County in *Wales* I know not; a man of a good repute, and especially taken notice of for his Charity to the Poor. He is as remarkably commendable for his kindness to his Wife, who lies buried in the Parish Church of *St. James* in *Bathe*, with this Epitaph made by himself in Brass against the Wall, under the East Window, which, because a rare instance of Affection, I shall mention here, and for the further propagation of the kindness of this *Welsh Love*, shall translate into our own language.

The Latin Verses are these :

**T***ristia quæ Uxori mæstus Tibi carmina pono  
Quam vellem nimium Te potuisse mibi?  
Septem annos (sic velle Dei est, sed nolle Parentum)  
Et sine Connubio mutuus arsit amor.  
Bis septem sine lite ulla simul egimus annos,  
Disjungi & mortis Lis mihi prima Tue est.  
Sola meos Tu, habuique Tuos ego solus amores,  
Quos habet atque habeat debinc Libitina Tua.  
Tecum semper eram viva, defuncta ero Tecum,  
Nunc animo, & dum mors junxerit atra duos.  
Namque istæ (cum fata vocant) dormire sub urnâ  
Destino, propitius det mihi vota Deus.*

Tho. Leyson Vir mæstiss.  
Mariæ uxori posuit  
1599, Apr. 15.

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*The Translation thus :*

**T**Hese Verses thus in grief made on Thee, Wife,  
Would Thou hadst made on me to save thy  
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Seven years (so long did friends cross heavens will)  
We lov'd and lik'd, but at a distance still.

Twice seven years more we liv'd in love together,  
Serene and calm, Thy death first brought foul wea-  
Thou hadst my Loves alone, I only Thine, (thcr.

Which now unto Thy Ghost I do consign,

Alive was with Thee still, dead will be so,

In mind at present, till in Body too :

For when God please, I'll rest too in Thy grave,

From whom this boon in mercy now I crave.

*Tho. Leyson in much grief  
made this on Mary his  
wife, 1599. Apr. 15.*

This Mr. *Leyson* writ a Latin Poem, in which was contained the description of the Ancient Seat of the as ancient Family of the *Stradlings*, called *St. Denets* in *Glamorganshire*, which, the laborious and learned *John David Rhesus*, that took so much pains to so little purpose, in the Epistle Dedicatory to his *Latin Welsh Grammar*, written to Sr. *Edward Stradling*, affirms he saw, and turned into *Welsh*, giving it the commendation of *Venustum Poema*, and He the title of, *Vir cum rei medicæ, tum Poeticæ peritissimus*. He died in *Bathe*, and, as far as I understand, had his desire, expressed in the two last verses on his Wife. The time of his death is uncertain, being not entred in the Register.

*John Vincentius Ostendorph.*

OF this Physician I can give no other account than that he vvas a *German*, and like *Field-fares* and *Wind-thrushes* did change his climate for better food, which he liked so well that he married here one *Mrs. Cavell*, Sister to an Ingenious Limner of that name, and after some years practise, died, and was buried in the Abbey Church in *Bathe*, the 12th. day of *April*, *An. Dom.* 1648. I have mentioned him in this place, because if a Doctor of Phylick it was beyond Sea, of which I have not assurance.

*Mr. John Dauntsey.*

MR. *John Dauntsey* was a Gentleman of a good extraction, and younger Son, as I have heard, to a Knight, who having been bred a Scholar, was encouraged to the practise of Phylick by *Dr. Jorden*, for vvhom *Mr. Dauntsey* had a great esteem, as appears by his Verses on *Dr. Jorden's* Treatise. He vvas a man of great integrity, but made no considerable advance in the World. He died ancient near 80, in the year 1650, and vvas buried in the Abbey Church, *Febr.* 12. He married a Gentlewoman of a good family, one *Mrs. Winter*, by whom he had besides other Children, *Mr. John Dauntsey* his eldest Son, who practised Phylick with good success in *Bristol*, and died lately; and another now living a Chirurgeon.

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There was an Epitaph made on him by one known by the name of Dr. *Somerschall*, a Chymist, vvho if no better Chymist than Poet, was never like to attain the liquor *Alkabeſt*, or the Philoſophers *Ar- canum*, vvwhich, becauſe I am inform'd, it was put on Mr. *Dauntſey*'s Tombſtone by this Philoſopher (of vvwhich I have ſeen ſome marks) I have through his means made ſo great a progreſs as to know where the Philoſophers Stone is, though but little legible on it now, vvhereupon, as greater Chy- miſts have been in this ſearch, I was fruſtrated of my expectation; however the Verſes were in part theſe, or to this purpoſe :

*Here lies Doct̃or John Dauntſey by name,*

*Whoſe harmleſſ life, whoſe Saint-like death, whoſe*  
(*laſting fame*

*With judgment good in Phyſick lore,*

*Approved to poſterity ſhall this engraving over laſt*  
(*evermore.*

Mr.

## Mr. Thomas Brewer.

**M**R. Thomas Brewer vvas born in the County of Somerset, vvhere there are now of that name related to him, of good Estates; an industrious man, a good Scholar, and expert Phylician, as I have understood by his prescriptions. He was well acquainted vvith the Greek and Latin Tongues, and excellent in the former, vvhich is so rare among many pretenders to the faculty now, that *Græcum est, non potest legi*, may be made use of again, and therefore this instance of Commendation ought not to be omitted. He lived many years in good esteem, and is buried in the Abbey Church vvith this Inscription on a piece of brasse on his Tombstone: *Here lieth the Body of Thomas Brewer, late of the City of Bathe Physician, who departed this life the third of November, An. Dom. 1665.*

Mr. Se-



## Mr. Somershall.

AS a Conclusion, or Epilogue, I shall add the life of one *Somershall*, a Chymist, mention'd before, vvho died in *Bathe*, after many projects, in a poor condition, vvhich, in a merry rimming humour, I thus suddenly vvrote.

There dwelt a Chymist here of note,  
That wore in Summer a furr'd Coat;  
Who promising to make all rich,  
Left not enough to cure the Itch.  
Full glad vvvas *Bathe* of such a guest,  
And gave him room among the rest  
That came to practise here, or try  
What gain it was to multiply.  
His tackling he together got,  
To vvork he went, would do vvhat not?  
And sooner others to fetch over,  
He vvheedled in the Earl of *Dover*.  
Both night and day the fire brent,  
To bring to pass this grand intent,  
Which vvvas the thing aim'd at, I'm told,  
To pave the streets of *Bathe* vvith gold.  
But yet to compass this design,  
There must before-hand be some Coin,  
Which freely lent, on Reputation,  
To pay, the *German* pawn'd his Nation.  
A house vvvas built fit for the vvork,  
Where he in privacy might lurk,  
As close as if made underground,  
The mony vvvent but nothing found,  
For something still fell out to cross  
The main, and multiply the loss.

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At length, when nothing did appear,  
 And he had wrought this and that year,  
 Death seizeth on this Artist great  
 To try if he were not a cheat.  
 Unwilling he was fore to go,  
 And leave his work imperfect so,  
 But go he must; on which they mind  
 to see what pelf he left behind,  
 And find no Gold or Silver oar,  
 But Soot and Horsedung there good store.  
 His pockets searcht too were unwilling  
 To part with all they had, a shilling,  
 Which was too little judg'd by all  
 To pay the charge of's Funeral:  
 The boards of a poor Hut he built  
 Were sold to multiply the gilt,  
 To set the *Caput mort* in ground  
 Of this Philosopher profound.  
 Th' Apothecaries too, they say,  
 Were willing something to defray,  
 As part of what they got to boot  
 By sale of's famed Spirit of Soot.

*Hermes* his Bird went thus to rest,  
 Leaving a Feather in his nest.  
 On whom as on a broken staff,  
 I write this homely Epitaph:

*Here lies the man, whom Bathe did call  
 By th' name of Doctor Somersschall;  
 Or, if you like this better, know it,  
 Here lies John Dauntsey's famous Poet.*



